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Threat of defection by big clients

Top staff quit over sacking of Saatchi

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

Sinclair: man chosen as replacement resigns

THE acting chairman and two senior managers of Saatchi & Saatchi, the world's second biggest advertising agency, resigned yesterday in protest at the sacking of Maurice Saatchi, co-founder of the company.

Industry insiders were speculating that further big names might soon join the dissidents and that important accounts could be lost as clients express their disapproval. Mars, the American confectioner, and British Airways have both indicated formally that their accounts are under review.

The resignations, which leave the company with no chairman and only two executive board members, prompted a sharp stockmarket fall in the Saatchi share price, which ended 16p lower at 124p.

Mr Saatchi, who founded the agency with his brother Charles, announced last week that he was severing all links with the company after being dismissed as chairman before Christmas. He was forced out by a big American group of investors led by David Herro, a 34-year-old Chicago fund manager with Harris Associates, which owns 10 per cent of Saatchi's shares.

Mr Saatchi was joined yesterday by Jeremy Sinclair, the man chosen to replace him as acting chairman, as well as Bill Muirhead and David Kershaw, American and British heads of the Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising World Wide chain.

The bitterness of the defectors over the sacking of Mr Saatchi was clear from their letters of resignation. Mr Sinclair said that the company was "in the grip of people who do not understand the business and seem prepared to ignore the advice of those who do". He added: "I never intended to leave the company, but it seems the company has left me."

Mr Muirhead said that he had warned the board of the damage Mr Saatchi's removal would cause, and he now felt "totally compromised".

Mr Kershaw said he had written to Mr Herro pleading with him not to force actions that would be highly damaging: "Apparently my letter and others from senior colleagues were treated with contempt and totally ignored." He went on: "I cannot continue to work for a company which no longer cares about its clients or staff and is apparently so utterly ignorant of the advertising business and how much client relationships and agency morale matter."

The company tried to make light of the damage last night. Charlie Scott, the chief executive, who was widely seen as the architect of Mr Saatchi's downfall, said: "If we've been doing a good job and we continue to do a good job, I see no reason why we should lose our clients."

He paid tribute to the contribution the three had made to the business, but attacked their motives for walking out. "It is fair to say I'm somewhat dismayed at what appears to be a cynical campaign to destabilise the group."

The company is expected to make the defectors work out their notice period, which in the case of Mr Sinclair, the only main board director, amounts to three years. Under the terms of their contracts, they would be precluded from joining Mr Saatchi if he were to set up a new business.

The fall of the house of Saatchi, until 1991 the world's biggest advertising concern, was prompted by too rapid expansion in the late 1980s, but Mr Saatchi's skill was in hanging on to the big accounts won in his heyday. Despite Mr Scott's reassurances, much of this business could now be under threat. Mars awards $400 million of work a year to Saatchi, generating some £30 million of revenue. BA's $125 million brings in a further £6 million.

Saatchi had a turnover in 1993 of £4.3 billion, compared to £6 billion for WPP, the world's biggest advertising company. The City expects Saatchi to report pre-tax profits of £32 million for 1994.

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Dudley Moore, left, and Peter Cook performing one of their highly acclaimed "Pete 'n Dud" sketches in the *Not Only ... But Also* series

Peter Cook, father of 60s satire, dies at 57

By Alan Hamilton

Cook's last TV appearance, with Clive Anderson: as Sir James Beauchamp, a suspended judge, Eric Daley, an ageing rock star, and Alan Latchley, a football manager

TRIBUTES poured in yesterday to Peter Cook, the significant voice of 1960s satire and major shareholder in *Private Eye*, who died at the age of 57 — a martyr to an unhealthy lifestyle that did not chime with the correctness of the 1990s.

Cook, a star of the mould-breaking revue *Beyond The Fringe* and a founder of the satirical magazine that pioneered the art of disrespect towards the governing classes, died of a gastrointestinal haemorrhage at the Royal Free Hospital near his home in Hampstead, north London. He had been admitted there last Tuesday and had been under intensive care.

A heavy smoker, drinker and lover of spicy food and other exotica, Cook had lived alone in an 18th-century house, while his third wife, the Malaysian Lin Chong, lived 100 yards away. Cook once said the arrangement would be much more popular if more people could afford it.

Members of his family, including his two daughters by his first marriage, were with him when he died, and later expressed "immense gratitude" to hospital staff for the care he had received.

Cook came to prominence in 1960 as one of a quartet of Cambridge undergraduates who took their revue to the Edinburgh Festival Fringe in the still-staid Macmillan years and explored new boundaries of irreverence. His three co-players, Dudley Moore, Alan Bennett and Dr Jonathan Miller, all proceeded to such success in their varied fields that Cook came to be seen as the underachiever of the revue.

He preferred to stay at home, achieving television success during the 1970s with Moore in such series as *Not Only ... But Also*, and keeping a benevolent but non-interfering eye on his part-owned property, *Private Eye*. In more recent years, his public appearances tended to be restricted to brief spots on undistinguished chat shows.

Friends and fellow-professionals yesterday paid generous tribute to his wit, originality and good humour, painting a picture of a man whose breakfast lager would unleash a day-long stream of jokes and anecdotes.

Moore was told of Cook's death at 1am in Los Angeles. He later told reporters: "I've lost a very close and dear friend. Peter will be missed by many, many people."

He said his former partner's death "was just a matter of time, but it was so regrettable and I'm sure everyone did what they could to help him. I knew he wasn't 100 per cent fit. His death was untimely, but, sadly, I suppose, the writing was on the wall."

Referring to Cook's absence from the limelight during his later years, Moore said: "The press couldn't understand why he gave up comedy, but I congratulated him. You have

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Lilley calls for cut in benefits

A FRESH political row over public spending and taxes broke out last night after Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, called for further social security cutbacks.

Mr Lilley backed other right-wing ministers by saying that spending on benefits would have to be cut more than already proposed.

He suggested that some could vary between areas, and questioned whether all benefits should be uniform nationally. His proposal was immediately condemned by Labour as heralding a return to the Poor Law.

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Grozny fights house by house

Anatol Lieven watches the fires burn fiercely all day in the breakaway capital as Russian bombs pound the Chechens

THE clouds above Grozny were darkened yesterday by smoke from dozens of fires as Russian and Chechen troops fought it out in the rebel capital.

Ahead of the advancing Russian infantry, artillery pounded the centre of the city into rubble. I counted 19 serious fires burning. To the south, part of a huge oil refinery blazed fiercely, sending a column of black smoke 300 yards across up to meet the clouds, and plunging the city into perpetual twilight.

Last night there were reports that Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, had ordered military commanders in Chechenia to arrange a two-day truce to retrieve bodies and evacuate the wounded.

There are few signs as yet that the morale of the Chechen fighters is cracking, but they do look intensely tired. Rezuan Mahomed Zayev, a fighter I spoke to, had the staring, sunken eyes of intense fatigue, and his long pale face and growth of beard gave him the look of a figure from El Greco. "It is almost a pity to kill these Russians boys of 18, who don't know why they are here," he said. "But we have to kill them. They have troubled us for 300 years and now they are trying to conquer us again. It is not a question of [President] Dudayev's regime. Many of us are against Dudayev, but it is for us the Chechen people to say whether we will get rid of him, and how we will live — if Russia lets us live."

On Saturday, Russian infantry penetrated to within 300 yards of the Presidential Palace on Freedom Square, but for the past two days they have been halted again by tough Chechen resistance.

Chechens yesterday thanked God for the low cloud which they said had stopped the Russian air force from bombing. "Allah sends the weather", one fighter told me. In the past, however, cloud has not stopped indiscriminate bombing by Russian aircraft, so the present lull could be the result of President Yeltsin's order to halt aerial bombardment.

Russian artillery fire against the city centre waxed and waned as the day went on. At noon, shells were landing at a rate of 12 a minute. At other times there was a strange lull. Small-arms fire was continuous.

The Russian army now controls the west and north of Grozny, but that still leaves more than half of the city east of the Sunzha river in Chechen hands. Roads into the city from the south and east are still open. Grozny was built for a population of almost 400,000, and counting its suburbs, sprawled over more than 100 square kilometres.

The Russian army obviously still does not have the men on the ground to surround this area. Instead, they are trying to fight their way across it house by house, with the Chechen defenders also fighting and dying house by house. The former, disastrous Russian tactic of trying to drive tanks into the city, without infantry support, has been abandoned, and it seems that some at least of the Russian infantry now have the morale to engage in house-to-house fighting. Russian morale is obviously, however, still extremely low compared to that of the Chechens.

In neighbouring Ingushetia, whose Government is sympathetic to the Chechens, Ingush officers at their headquarters said that they had intercepted a radio message from a Russian officer, Major Morozov, to the Russian headquarters in Mozdok.

According to the intercepted transcript, Major Morozov told his superiors that he and his men had been taken prisoner on Sunday and that his captors had told him that if the Russian air force resumed bombing their area they would all be shot.

Anti-Yeltsin barrage, page 10

Three in new jail escape

Prison officials were last night searching for three men, including a rapist, who escaped from Littlehey prison in Cambridgeshire, as Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, prepared to face questioning from MPs on the Parkhurst breakout. Last night the three men who fled Parkhurst were back in high security cells ... Page 5

Dogs guard writer after burglaries

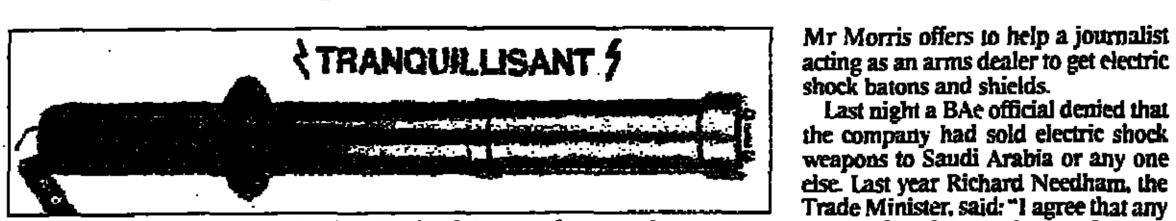
Auberon Waugh and his wife are to buy Dobermann pinschers to guard their Somerset home after burglars stole seven paintings and jewellery worth £20,000 on Sunday. It was the third break-in in six months at the writer's home near Taunton .... Page 3

Peace talks stall

Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yassir Arafat, leader of the PLO, two of the chief architects of the Middle East peace process, failed yesterday to resolve the question of continued Jewish settlement .... Page 11

BAe accused of selling banned batons to Saudis

By Richard Ford
Home Correspondent



One of the German-made electric shock batons for crowd control

EIGHT thousand electric shock batons, which are used in crowd control but are illegal in Britain, have been sold to Saudi Arabia by British Aerospace as part of Britain's biggest arms deal, according to a salesman for the company

Philip Morris, a salesman with BAe's Royal Ordnance division, says that the German-made batons were sold for £65 to £70 each as part of the £20 billion Al Yamamah agreement in 1985 to provide jet fighters, naval minehunters and ammunition to the Saudis. According to Saudi dissidents, instruments like the 26in batons, which deliver a shock of up to 40,000 volts, have been used as instruments of torture. British Aerospace was the main contractor and a Channel 4 investigative team secretly filmed and recorded Mr Morris saying that provision of the batons was swallowed up in the overall deal. In the *Dispatches* programme to be shown tomorrow, Mr Morris offers to help a journalist acting as an arms dealer to get electric shock batons and shields.

Last night a BAe official denied that the company had sold electric shock weapons to Saudi Arabia or any one else. Last year Richard Needham, the Trade Minister, said: "I agree that any export of equipment that can be used for torture is quite unacceptable. We have to ensure that this sort of trade is stopped, and whenever it comes to our notice we do of course insist that it is stopped".

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Right-wing assault continues as minister suggests local variations in benefits

Lilley calls for more social security cuts

By Peter Riddell

Lilley: "complacent to halt process of reform"

PETER Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, yesterday fuelled the growing Cabinet debate over public spending and taxes by calling for further cuts in social security programmes.

Backing recent speeches by other right-wing ministers, Mr Lilley said spending on benefits would have to be cut even more than already proposed if the Government was to succeed in reducing the overall share of public spending.

Mr Lilley suggested that the level of some benefits could be varied between areas if responsibility was devolved to a local level. He questioned whether all benefits should be uniform nationally and centrally administered, since provision could not be tailored to local circumstances. He also discussed having pilot schemes locally before changes are introduced nationally, as is happening with a new in-work benefit for people without children.

His proposal was immediately condemned by Labour as heralding a return to the Poor Law, abolished almost 50 years ago.

Mr Lilley told a seminar of the Social Market Foundation, the free-market think-tank with close links to the Government, that policy changes since the last election would save £4 billion a year by the end of the decade and over £14 billion a year when fully implemented in the next century. But those proposals did not go far enough and further savings would have to be found. "It would be dangerously complacent to halt the process of reform," he said.

His comments follow speeches last Friday by fellow right-wingers Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, and John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, urging a fresh look at the size of the State. Mr. Lilley's contribution is the most important so far, since he heads a department responsible for a third of total public spending and which has already produced sizeable savings. He did not identify where further cuts could come. But the main emphasis so far has been on areas growing most rapidly, so further reviews may have to look at core programmes of family support. He will also seek greater switching of provision to the private sector, as is already happening in pensions. Writing in *The Times* this morning, Mr Lilley says he wants to encourage a comprehensive insurance market to ensure that all new mortgage borrowers have some cover if they find themselves in difficulty.

His most controversial suggestion yesterday was that there might be some local variation in benefit levels. He pointed to existing devolution of power to local authorities over community care and the proposal to give councils the powers and resources to pay housing benefit for higher rents where there is genuine need. "I do not conclude that the whole benefit system should be localised. But whenever changes are made in future I will consider cautiously whether some greater degree of localisation could bring improvements," he said.

Further savings in social security were necessary, he argued, since even after the latest measures, spending on that budget is forecast to grow at an underlying rate of over 2 per cent a year — "still about as *rapid* as the long-run growth rate of the economy and faster than our planned growth of public expenditure". That rate was "incompatible with our objective of reducing the state's share of national income without squeezing other departments' budgets intolerably".

Total benefit spending is now projected to be over £8 billion less in 2000/01 than forecast two years ago. Over half of those savings come from policy changes, such as equalising the retirement age for all at 65, tightening the medical test for the new incapacity benefit, shifting sick pay to employers, extending incentives to work and limiting housing benefit. Mr Lilley contrasted the Government's approach with Labour's proposals and last October's report from the Social Justice Commission. He said that until Tony Blair was "prepared to repudiate the commission's £7 billion spending programme and endorse our £4 billion reforms the public will see a £11 billion gap between the parties on social security alone".

Donald Dewar, Labour's Shadow Social Security Secretary, last night accused Mr Lilley of "flying a flag for the break-up of the benefit system". Criticising the idea of devolving responsibility, Mr Dewar asked whether Mr Lilley was "really suggesting a patchwork of different levels of income support across the land?" He said that was a formula for "reinforcing poverty with a vengeance", while Mr Lilley's lecture hinted at a system that died with the Poor Law (in 1946).

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Whitehall review saves £400m, says Hunt

By Michael Dynes
Whitehall Correspondent

MORE than £400 million a year has been saved under a government efficiency drive, David Hunt, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, said yesterday.

A review of running costs of some £2 billion, from the Home Office to the Transport Department, produced average savings of 20 per cent, revealing potential for further big cuts across Whitehall. The figures were dismissed as misleading by Civil Service trade unions, which accused the Government of failing to take into account £500 million spent on consultants during the drive.

Mr Hunt said a combination of competitive tendering, transferring Civil Service functions to the private sector, and reducing manpower through voluntary and compulsory redundancies produced the savings. Since the drive began in April 1992, 54,000 Civil Service positions have been reviewed. More than 26,000 jobs have been eliminated, at the same time maintaining or even improving quality of service, Mr Hunt said.

Under the market-testing initiative, entire blocks of Civil Service work, from information technolgy to catering, have been farmed out to private companies, which are now responsible for tasks including debt collection for HM Customs and Excise, security for the DTI and prison education for the Home Office.

A further £1.116 billion of Civil Service work will be subjected to competition over the next 12 months, including £250 million spent by quangos such as the Millennium Commission, English Heritage, the Victoria and Albert Museum and the BBC World Service. The review so far represents about 11 per cent of Whitehall running costs.

Sir Peter Levene, John Major's efficiency adviser, said savings would be identified in other areas as the programme accelerated.

Elizabeth Symons, general secretary of the First Division Association, which represents senior civil servants, said of the 26,000 job cuts, 17,000 had merely been redeployed. "They are still being paid for by the taxpayer," she said.

British police 'secretly testing shields with electric currents in them'

Sales manager says BAe sold torture batons to Saudis

By Richard Ford, home correspondent

MARTYN GREGORY

Gerry Hall, head of International Procurement Services, filmed with one of the electro-shock batons during a meeting at British Aerospace at Chorley

ELECTRONIC shock batons, which can be used as weapons of torture, were sold secretly to Saudi Arabia as part of the £20 billion Al Yamamah arms deal, according to a sales manager with British Aerospace.

The 8,000 batons supplied to the Saudi regime five years ago under the arms deal with Britain were made in Germany, the man says on a Channel Four *Dispatches* programme to be broadcast tomorrow.

Philip Morris, a salesman with BAe's Royal Ordnance division, also says that BAe is prepared to use its worldwide procurement network to set up a deal to supply thousands of electro-shock batons, which can be used to soften up victms by being run over their bodies. And he alleges that police in England and Wales are secretly testing shields with electronic currents in them.

The allegation that BAe is involved in the supply of electro-shock equipment follows an undercover operation in which journalists created a fictitious company to purchase electro-shock batons. BAe was willing to supply 10,000 electro-shock riot shields and 60,000 batons for $3.62 million dollars, the programme alleges.

Negotiations to buy 15,000 electro-shock units, supposedly for a Middle Eastern police force, were secretly filmed. When the journalists approached Mr Morris at BAe's Royal Ordnance division and said they wanted to buy the units, he said: "That's not a problem. They're not legal in the UK any more, but we can get hold of them."

He told them BAe used International Procurement Services and, at a meeting at IPS's offices in central London, the undercover team was shown an electro-prod outlawed by the Government in 1988. The equipment, producing a maximum 40,000 volts, is used to hold people at bay in jails or in riot situations.

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BAe: involved in the electro-shock unit trade

Mr Morris says on camera that BAe will organise a deal involving the purchase and delivery of batons and shields. "We will arrange absolutely everything, to the point where we deliver to the country of destination." He adds: "Irrespective that the shields might come from that part of the world, and the batons might come from that part of the world, but co-ordinated everything will arrive." He says it will take eight months to deliver 10,000 electronic shock riot shields.

BAe Royal Ordnance put its offer to sell 15,000 electro-shock units in writing following a meeting with Martin Trengove, the general sales manager at its Chorley division. The 10,000 electro-shock riot shields would be bought from a company called Nova in Nashville, Tennessee, and the electro-shock batons from an unnamed German firm.

At that meeting Mr Morris and his superior, Mr Trengove, together with Gerry Hall, who runs International Procurement Services, produced an electronic baton which he claimed he had got from Ireland, and demonstrated an electro-shock riot shield. Mr Trengove told the undercover team from Channel Four that he would have to "take some pretty careful soundings at the Ministry of Defence and at the Department of Trade and Industry" before finally agreeing to go ahead with a deal.

Mr Morris says in the programme that police in England and Wales secretly have an electro-shock riot shield which they are testing using dogs. He says: "They have exactly the same shield and there are dog teethmarks all along the top of the shield where the policeman's had to fend off a dog. When the dog has got a firm grip on the top of the shield he's just switched it on."

During the secret filming in London and in Chorley, Mr Morris says of his earlier 1989 deal with the Saudis: "The baton price, I mean, when I did the Saudi thing, the rough price . . . on I think a 26 inch shock baton, which is what they called it, was around £65, £70."

Later Mr Morris adds: "I've said too much in telling you we *sold* them to the Saudis. But it's er, British Aerospace have, er, you know the Al Yamamah programme."

Peter Cook, Sixties satirist, dies at 57

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different ambitions when you get older, and he changed. He was a great man who made a massive contribution to comedy even if it was often understated.

"He had an extraordinary talent and was a strong, seminal course for comedy," Moore said. "I enjoyed all the work we did together and finished up by being indebted to him."

John Cleese, also in Los Angeles, said Cook had been the presiding spirit of the 1960s revolution in comedy. "What he and the others did never struck us in Cambridge as comedy: it struck us being funny about slightly more serious things. If you wanted three minutes' great comedy, you just asked him to talk and turned on a tape recorder," Cleese said.

Eric Sykes, the veteran comedy writer and actor, said: "When I see a talent like Peter's disappear it makes me very sad. Another bright light has gone out of the world of comedy, and there aren't too many left."

Unlike his former co-players Moore and Bennett, Cook had not progressed to great financial success. "I think that was because he was not prepared to do what other people wanted: he wanted to do what he wanted," Sykes said.

Harry Thompson, producer of the BBC2 satirical show *Have I Got News For You*, on which Cook occasionally appeared, said: "It was sad that he never really lived up to his potential, because he seemed to enjoy life more than work, but his work was truly inspirational. Shows like *Beyond The Fringe* had a huge effect on comedy, because it was the first time anybody got away with being rude about the Prime Minister. In recent years he had his good days and his bad days, but when he was good there was nobody like him."

Michael Winner, the film director, said every alternative comedian today owed his existence to Cook's genius. Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, said Cook was "an absolute one-off" whose influence on succeeding generations of television writers and performers was immeasurable.

Ian Hislop, the editor of *Private Eye*, said Cook was the great hands-off proprietor of all time. "He used to come in occasionally and make a few jokes, and of course he was very involved in the early days. He invented the phrase: 'This man is a proven lawyer'. Surreal brilliance, impossible to match."

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Minister powerless over rail ticket sales

By Tim Jones, transport correspondent

BRIAN MAWHINNEY, the Transport Secretary, has no powers to prevent a reduction in the number of stations selling nationwide through-tickets after the privatisation of the railways, it emerged yesterday.

Although Dr Mawhinney said any proposal to reduce the number of stations that must sell nationwide tickets was "unacceptable", his officials have admitted that he can give only formal guidance. The number of stations that will be able to offer sales of go-anywhere tickets will be determined by John Swift, the independent Rail Regulator, who has suggested in a consultative document that they could be reduced from 2,500 to fewer than 300.

Under Mr Swift's proposals, some passengers could be as much as one hour's drive away from a "core" station that sold tickets accepted by all the privatised companies. Mr Swift will come under pressure to make it clear his plans are merely part of a consultative process.

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£7½m put aside for QE2 refit pay-outs

Trafalgar House, which owns the QE2 through its Cunard division, said yesterday that it was putting £7.5 million aside to cover the costs of its disastrous Christmas cruises. The money will cover refunds, free voyages and payments to passengers affected by delays in the ship's £30 million refit. "The events were unfortunate and we could have handled them better," Nigel Rich, the chief executive, said. Neither Trafalgar nor Cunard would say how much money had already been paid out.

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Writer of Times article quits CPS

The senior Crown prosecutor suspended after writing an article in *The Times* is to leave the Crown Prosecution Service to set up in private practice.

Neil Addison decided to move two months after being suspended for writing an article on the possible effects of privatising the CPS. The CPS and Mr Addison, a barrister on the Bar Council, said that terms had been agreed on an amicable basis.

Four beaten in IRA punishment

Four men were in hospital yesterday after being attacked by Republican paramilitaries in "punishment beatings". Two aged 23 were assaulted by eight masked men in the Ardoyne area of Belfast. The others were beaten about the elbows, wrists and ankles in Londonderry.

Lorry joyriders

Three boys aged 13 and 14 and in council care were arrested after a 24-ton lorry was stolen and taken on a 35-mile joyride. The lorry crashed into seven others in a compound at Calne, Wiltshire, before the driver rammed the gates and set off for Old Sarum airfield.

Implant deadline

Virginia Bottomley, the Health Minister, has been urged by the Labour MP Tony Byers to publicise the closing date for claims in America by women who have had problems with silicone breast implants. The date was extended to March 1 at a court hearing in America.

Police injury toll

Ten police officers have been killed and nearly 100,000 assaulted in the past five years, according to figures released today by the Police Dependants' Trust. The number of injuries between 1988 and 1993 averaged over 17,000 a year and reached nearly 18,000 in 1993.

School tests

The National Association of Head Teachers has advised school heads not to administer this year's classroom tests unless they are fully reimbursed for the cost of supply teachers. Some schools have been warned that their local authority will not pay its share of the costs.

Train kills horses

Five horses were killed instantly when they were hit by a 100mph train, and a sixth was put down by a vet. The driver and 200 passengers on the Manchester to London express escaped injury in the accident near Coventry. The horses were being rounded up after straying from a field.

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'In the old days, burglars were sure to get their trousers full of buckshot'

Auberon Waugh loses paintings in third raid

By Marianne Darch

THE writer Auberon Waugh and his wife are planning to buy a pair of Dobermann pinscher dogs to guard their elegant Somerset home after burglars broke in and stole valuables for the third time in six months.

Seven paintings and jewellery worth £20,000 were stolen at the weekend from the writer's home at Combe Florey, near Taunton, on Sunday night as the couple were dining downstairs. The raid comes after the theft of a Titian valued at £5 million in a similar weekend raid on Longleat House in Wiltshire, home of the Marquess on Bath. Police have not ruled out a connection.

The burglary was discovered when Lady Teresa Waugh found her bedroom window smashed and valuables missing, which included the engagement ring given to her 34 years ago and jewellery passed down from her grandmother.

"She went into the bedroom at 9.30pm and discovered a bloody great ladder sticking through the window," Mr Waugh, editor of the *Literary Review* and a newspaper columnist, said. "It was a very disagreeable surprise for Teresa."

Speaking from home yesterday, Lady Teresa said: "They took all the jewellery I have ever owned this time. We take more and more security steps every time this happens but now I think we will go the full hog and probably get two Dobermanns."

The property's security system had been turned off during the day and the couple were alone in the kitchen at the time of the burglary. Shortly afterwards, Mr Waugh said: "For our first 30 years in this house we never even bothered to lock the doors. I think it's partly due to Mr Douglas Hurd (the former Home Secretary) and his legislation. In the old days, burglars were sure to get their trousers full of buckshot but now we have to keep our shotguns locked up." The 1988 Firearms Act requires all shotguns to be locked away. Yesterday Lady Teresa politely explained that her husband was too busy writing articles to discuss the robbery further.

Police had advised the Waughs on crime prevention early last week after a prowler was reported at the property and footprints were discovered in frosty ground. Mr Waugh said of the burglar: "He had obviously cased the joint and discovered where we kept the ladder and the axe he used to smash the bedroom window. A tracker dog found he had come across the fields from the direction of the nearby pub."

Items in the haul include an 18th century black-and-gold enamel mourning ring, inscribed "A. Waugh" inside and "in memory" outside; a pair of men's silver hairbrushes inscribed with the initials "A.W." and pink and turquoise enamel boxes, both bearing messages to a "friend".

The pictures stolen include a Medici print of an angel, a watercolour of a windmill by an estuary, several woodcuts and a brightly coloured icon of "St Michael and friends".

The London loss adjusters Tyler and Company said yesterday that they had set a reward of £100,000 for the safe return of the Titian and two other paintings worth a total of £20,000 taken in the raid at the Marquess of Bath's home.

Avon and Somerset Police, investigating the raid at Mr Waugh's home, are liaising with Wiltshire police. "There are obvious similarities between the two crimes, with paintings being stolen from a country mansion," a spokesman said. "The raids may be connected."

Philip Saunders, of *Trace* magazine, which lists stolen works of art and antiques, highlighted the similarities between the burglaries and a third raid, in November, at the Earl of Pembroke's home, Wilton House, near Salisbury. In all three crimes the raiders used a ladder and broke in through a first-floor window, Mr Saunders said.

He added that art theft was a huge problem already and was going to get worse. "There are a number of very professional gangs making a very good living from this."

The Waughs' home near Taunton, Somerset

ALAIN LOCKYER

Auberon and Lady Teresa Waugh yesterday. After the burglary they may "go the full hog and get two Dobermanns"

De Chair, lover of women and property, dies at the age of 83

By Rachel Kelly

THE poet, author, soldier and MP Somerset de Chair has died in Antigua, leaving an estate which includes some of the most beautiful property in England.

He divided his time between two historic houses, *Bourne Park*, near *Canterbury*, and the medieval priory at St Osyth, Essex. He also owned property in London and a colonial house near New York.

Any house sales would be complicated by the complex personal life of Mr de Chair, who was Conservative MP for West Norfolk and South Paddington. He had six children by four wives, innumerable lovers and a lifestyle likened to one of Evelyn Waugh's bright young things.

It would seem most likely that Bourne Park will remain as the home of his last wife, Juliet, former wife of *the Marquess of Bristol* and only daughter of the 8th Earl Fitzwilliam, who inherited a £20 million art collection, including seven by Stubbs and six Van Dycks and 48 Hepplewhite chairs.

The couple moved to Bourne Park to house the art works. Mr de Chair said in an interview with *The Times*: "It was all too much. A lot of her ancestors seemed to be 7ft tall; we needed great high rooms to put them in." The perfectly proportioned Queen Anne house is approached through colossal gates, over rolling countryside and a bridge.

Teresa Clarke, Mr de Chair's daughter by his third wife, said yesterday that it was premature to talk of any property sales. "It is really most unlikely that there will be any rejigging of any sort," she said yesterday from St Osyth. "He was genuinely peripatetic. He moved between all his properties. He loved his houses."

Mr de Chair, who died on January 5, aged 83, moved to St Osyth with his second wife in 1951, and remained there with his third and fourth wives until Bourne Park was bought in 1981. St Osyth, a collection of buildings with at least 20 bedrooms, was shared by Mr de Chair with his daughter Teresa, wife of Sir Toby Clarke, and her brother Carlo de Chair.

During his life, Mr de Chair also owned Chilham Castle in Kent, rented Blickling Hall in Norfolk from the National Trust and owned the island of Gigha off Scotland. "He loved beautiful houses, I think because he was influenced by his early life when in lived in a huge baronial house in Sydney," his daughter said yesterday. Mr de Chair, born in 1911, was one of Jellicoe's admirals at Jutland and became Governor of New South Wales. When he went up to Balliol College, Oxford, he drove an open-topped Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost which he used for frequent trips to parties in London, where the pattern of his life became established. He wrote prolifically, producing three novels, collections of poetry, a play and volumes of autobiography.

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'Sergeant stabbed to death in bungled burglary'

By Michael Horsnell

A POLICEMAN armed only with a truncheon was stabbed to death by a hooded raider with a sheath-knife during a bungled post office raid, the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Sergeant Derek Robertson, 39, was knifed six times when he tackled Robert Eades, the gang leader, the jury heard. A doctor who arrived by air ambulance was unable to save him.

Mr Eades, 32, Terry Snelling, 32, and his brother Christopher Snelling, 39, all of New Addington, south London, admitted conspiracy to rob a sub-post office and falsely imprisoning the sub-postmaster, Albert Brittain. But all three denied murdering the police officer, who collapsed at the back of the sub-post office last February.

John Bevan, for the prosecution, said that although the Crown's case was that Eades was the knifeman, all three were responsible for the murder.

Sgt Robertson's widow listened as Mr Bevan told the jury that the three men broke into a flat above the post office the night before the raid and attacked Mr Brittain, 57, when he arrived for work. But Mr Brittain's wife telephoned and became suspicious and called the police.

When Sgt Robertson and a colleague arrived, Sgt Robertson tackled Mr Eades and they both fell to the ground, Mr Bevan said. Mr Eades then fled across back gardens to a garden outhouse and shut himself inside until "a mixture of an axe to the window, armed police and dogs caused him to emerge". "This case concerns three men who decided to hold up a public servant, a postmaster, in a planned robbery. It went wrong and another public servant, a police officer trying to prevent the robbery, rescue the postmaster and arrest the culprits, lost his life."

The trial continues.

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Jockey drowned at wheel after he drank eight pints

By Paul Wilkinson

RIDLEY LAMB, the jockey turned trainer, drowned when his car plunged into a harbour after he had drunk more than a gallon of beer, an inquest was told yesterday.

Lamb, 39, was three and a half times over the legal alcohol limit. In an after-hours session at a pub near his stables, he drank the equivalent of at least eight pints of beer. Two hundred yards down the road he failed to negotiate a slight bend and his car plunged into the 10ft-deep waters of Seaham harbour in Northumberland.

Lamb and Alan Merrigan, a jockey from his stables sitting in the back seat, drowned. Two other members of his staff escaped from the sinking car. Nicholas Garside, the Northumberland deputy coroner, recorded verdicts of accidental death on Lamb, who rode the 1987 Cheltenham Gold Cup winner, and on Mr Merrigan.

The inquest at Ashington, Northumberland, was told that Lamb left a pub in Seahouses on the evening of July 24 with Mr Merrigan and Stephen Charlton, 39, a jockey's valet, and Caroline Budge, 20, a groom. Mr Charlton, from Bishop Auckland, Co Durham, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, said he felt and heard the car hitting timber at the harbour's edge. "The next thing I can remember was feeling the car hit the water. It was dark and we were disorientated.

"My first recollection is feeling the car start to fill up with water. I felt it travel up my legs and body. Within seconds the car was totally full of water. I panicked and knew I had to get out of the car. I released my seatbelt and thought I came out of a side window. It was an opening that was quite restrictive. I got stuck halfway out and had to force myself through. It would have been only a few seconds before I heard a voice telling me to grab one of the mooring ropes from one of the trawlers."

Merrigan: drowned in the backseat of car

Miss Budge, who was not at the inquest, also managed to struggle out of the car but Mr Lamb was found strapped in his seat. Mr Merrigan, of Barnard Castle, Co Durham, was found floating in the harbour. David Shield, one of the fishermen who helped to pull the survivors out, said that the car disappeared within two or three seconds of hitting the water.

The inquest was told Lamb had a conviction for drink-driving. He was banned in 1989 by Alnwick magistrates after he fell asleep at the wheel when twice the legal limit. The trainer, who was single, had retired early from racing with health and weight problems. He was considered one of the finest National Hunt jockeys, riding 547 winners between 1971 and 1987.

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'The money never interested me. I joined at 17 and have never stopped missing the Navy'

Discharged Wren chooses old job instead of cash

By Robin Young

DONNA WARD has become the first servicewoman to be reinstated after losing her job as a Wren when she became pregnant. Other servicewomen have won compensation for the loss of their career.

Mrs Ward, 33, of Portsmouth, hopes to restart work next month. In 1985 she had to leave after becoming pregnant with her son James. Since then she has had two more children, Aaron, 6, and Natasha, 3.

She says that it was an easy choice to take her old job back rather than pursue a claim for substantial compensation. Some women obliged to abandon service careers by regulations which have since been overturned by the European courts have been awarded six figure sums. Mrs Ward said yesterday: "I was only ever interested in becoming a Wren again. The money never interested me. I have never stopped missing the Navy."

Mrs Ward used to be a Wren steward serving at table in the wardroom of *HMS Vernon* in Portsmouth. When she discovered that she was pregnant, she was told that service regulations left no choice but to discharge her. The former Wren, who served six months in Northern Ireland with 45 Commando, said yesterday: 'No matter how distressed I got or how much I complained there was nothing they could do about it. They just said: 'I am sorry, you will have to go.' "

Mrs Ward said: "I come from a service family, joined the Navy at 17 and married a sailor. I had given everything to the service before I was sacked." Her husband Alan is now a leading marine engineering mechanic serving at Portsmouth naval base.

"I missed the comradeship and friendship of Navy life." Mrs Ward said yesterday. "I do not blame the Navy. It was just regulations, and I am glad they have been changed. It is a shame it has taken so long." Mrs Ward remained as close to her old job as possible, working as a waitress at the Royal Naval Club in Portsmouth.

Her reinstatement in her old job, subject to a Navy medical, is part of an out-of-court settlement in her case for wrongful dismissal. She has also accepted £2,000 for "injury to feelings".

"My daughter starts school in September," she said yesterday, "and the Navy have said I do not have to serve at sea so I will see as much of my family as any other working mother."

Donna Ward with her daughter Natasha, 3, yesterday after her reinstatement to the Navy as a Wren

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Mobile 'Morse' call saves walker

By A Staff Reporter

A WOMAN who collapsed with an asthma attack on a lone mountain walk and was unable to talk was rescued by helicopter after she managed to tap out instructions on her mobile telephone.

The 22-year-old was on a hillside near Ruabon, Clwyd, but was able to dial 999 and to keep the line open to the ambulance headquarters at Rhyl, 30 miles away. After gasping out the name of the mountain she collapsed.

Ambulancemen were able to locate her exact position by asking her to tap responses to questions. "We asked her to tap once if she heard or saw the helicopter and twice if she could not," Elwyn Jones, the control officer, said yesterday.

"Once she had the helicopter in sight, we asked her to tap once for it to go the left and twice to the right. We relayed her instructions to a police officer on the helicopter." The woman was taken to hospital suffering from hypothermia. A police spokesman said: "There is no doubt her presence of mind saved her life."

☐ An RAF Sea King helicopter flew under bridges and power lines in South Wales while its crew followed road signs on a mission to rescue an injured hill walker.

The helicopter, from RAF Chivenor, north Devon, was on a training flight near Dartmoor when it received a call on Saturday morning. As mist and fog hampered visibility, it was forced to descend almost to ground level.

The injured man was found on a hillside at Llyn y Fan fach, Dyfed, but was dead on arrival at hospital.

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Detective removed from West inquiry

Detective Constable Hazel Savage, who played a central role in the interrogation of Fred West, has been taken off the Gloucester murder inquiry after claims that she was trying to sell her story for £1 million.

Gloucestershire Police said Ms Savage, who was made an MBE in the New Year Honours, had not been suspended but had been moved to other duties while allegations that she hired a literary agent were investigated.

Au pair killed

Police are hunting the killer of a 22-year-old Swiss au pair whose partially clothed body was found on a playing field in Dunstable, Bedfordshire, on Sunday morning. The unnamed girl was last seen at a nearby nightclub.

College fined

Churchill College, Cambridge, was fined £15,000 with £18,000 costs after 98 delegates at a nursing conference suffered food poisoning in September 1993. Seven of 57 with salmonella infection were hospitalised.

Fraud admission

Valere Tjolle, 49, chairman of Bath-based Land Travel, which collapsed in 1992 with debts of £12 million, admitted two charges of fraudulent trading before Bristol Crown Court. The hearing was adjourned to February 10.

Fire case boys

Two boys aged 12 and 13 accused of setting fire to a 13-year-old were remanded into local authority care by Hull magistrates. They will reappear next week. Shane Nolan is in a "serious but stable" condition in hospital.

Accountant jailed

An accountant who embezzled £94,500 from the Church of Scotland was jailed for two years in Edinburgh yesterday. David Robertson, 57, of Haddington, Lothian, paid for gambling debts and his wife's beauty treatments.

DJ's bluebeat

Triston Hawks, 20, a Bournemouth disc jockey who tried to beat a three-mile traffic jam by placing a magnetic flashing blue disco light on his car roof, was ordered to pay £600 in fines and costs for seven motoring offences.

Choir's high note

A 1,400-ticket concert by the Swansea-based Morriston Orpheus Male Voice Choir in Melbourne on St David's Day has already sold out. Four other concerts are now being planned, including one at the Sydney opera house.

Library apology

A survivor of the *Achille Lauro* has received an apology and refund from Birmingham library after being fined £16 for leaving one of its books on the cruiser, which caught fire and sank in the Indian Ocean in December.

Badgers destroy case for hotel

By Catherine Milton

A FAMILY of badgers has helped to scupper a multi-million-pound hotel which was to have been built in the grounds of a hospital where they live.

South Thames Regional Health Authority wanted to sell the site on the banks of the Thames at Teddington, west London, with outline planning permission for 230 homes and a hotel with 118 rooms.

But Richmond council opposed the application last year, noting that the animals' habitat would be harmed by the development. Now the health authority has lost its appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment, partly because of the badgers.

An Environment Department inspector wrote: "In my view, the presence of the appeal site has been an important factor in their survival within this predominantly urban area. The proposed development, including the construction processes themselves, would be alien to the secretive nature of badgers."

The mainly parkland site features an attractive three-storey Victorian house, built in about 1868 as a hospital, which now houses offices. Other buildings on the site are used as residences for 86 people with learning difficulties. They are due to move into new community accommodation next year.

The house was formerly home to Sir John Langdon-Down, the doctor who identified the syndrome named after him. The site also houses a listed theatre. Some of the original site has already been developed for housing. The planning application was for the re-use of some existing buildings for the hotel, together with a new bedroom block. The theatre would have been retained but other buildings would have been demolished.

The health authority's plan did include measures to protect the badgers but the inspector wrote: "I am not convinced that access by human beings and dogs could be restricted on all the open areas available to the badgers for foraging."

The application was also rejected because of fears of pressure on schools in the area and on transport facilities, Richmond council said. Pat Williams, vice-chairman of the West Surrey Badger Group, said: "I think it's marvellous. It's the biggest building I've heard of being rejected for such reasons."

Teacher, caterer and Bonzo the dog take lion's share of the credit for capturing Parkhurst fugitives

Howard faces MPs as fresh escape hits prison service

By Lin Jenkins
and Stewart Tendler

PRISON officials yesterday began investigating a fresh escape as Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, prepared to face questioning from MPs today on the Parkhurst breakout.

Last night the three lifers were back in high security cells and Mr Howard began studying initial reports on the Parkhurst breakout from Richard Tilt, the Prison Service security chief. A manhunt was under way in East Anglia after three men, including a convicted rapist, cut their way out of Littlehey prison in Cambridgeshire.

The latest escape came as Judge Stephen Tumim, the chief inspector of prisons, urged a public inquiry into events on the Isle of Wight. The judge said the escape would never have happened if his warnings three months ago had been heeded. He said he had noticed that some basic procedures were not being followed and asked whether the staff were "strong enough". He also said that it was "surprising" that Parkhurst did not have the security systems employed at other high security jails — in particular, the Geophone alarm system for walls.

He called for an independent inquiry to be conducted by someone who was not subordinate to Derek Lewis, the director-general of prisons. Richard Gully, chairman of the prison board of visitors, said requests for Geophones had been made repeatedly, and that prison governor John Marriott had been pressing for an update of the security system for the past five years.

Meanwhile, the Prison Service played down the importance of some top security prisoners being moved out of Parkhurst. Sources said some category A prisoners were being transfered within the prison system because of building work.

At Parkhurst, police were yesterday trying to piece together a picture of how the three men who escaped from Parkhurst prison had spent their five days of freedom before being captured on Sunday night as they tried to make their way to a ferry terminal.

It emerged that Keith Rose, 45, Andrew Rodger, 44, and Matthew Williams, 25, had tried to steal a plane to flee the island just hours after breaking out of the top security prison on Tuesday.

Yesterday police admitted that they had posted a watch on the grass airstrip at Sandown only on Wednesday, when it was reported that two planes had been tampered with overnight on Tuesday. The police commander in charge of the operation disclosed that he became aware that Keith Rose was a qualified pilot only on Wednesday.

It also emerged yesterday that Rose had twice telephoned a former business associate during his five days on the run. David Husband, 40, from Portland, Dorset, was driving to the island to appeal to the killer through the media to give himself up when he got the calls on his mobile phone. After both calls he contacted police, who advised him to say nothing publicly.

Mr Husband expected Rose to contact him again. "All his other friends have deserted him. I still regard myself as his friend," he said.

Three flee by taxi and train

Three prisoners, including one man serving life for rape, cut their way out of Littlehey Prison, near Huntingdon, last night, phoned for a taxi and caught a train. Michael Thynne, 43, the rapist, went on the run accompanied by Darren Ogden, 23, serving five years for robbery, and David Thompson, 25, serving two years for robbery, Cambridgeshire Police said.

Manhunt's best friend: police tracker dog Bonzo with handler PC Tony Woolcock

TIM OCKENDEN

Mike Carr, the Special Constable who arrested Rodger, back at school yesterday

'It's a feather in the cap for Special Constables'

THE two special constables who played central roles in the capture of the Parkhurst escapers said yesterday they were just doing their jobs (Lin Jenkins writes).

Mike Carr, 54, a teacher who calmly apprehended Andrew Rodger as the three convicts were apparently making their way towards Cowes, was back at his day job at Carisbrooke High School, Newport.

Mr Carr, who has been a special for almost three years, was embarrassed as colleagues lined up at a staff meeting to give him a round of applause. He dismissed suggestions that arresting an escaper who was known to be dangerous was beyond the duty normally expected of a special constable.

"I would do the same thing again tomorrow if I had to," he said. "The arrest was a magical moment. It's a feather in the cap for Special Constables because we do sometimes get looked down upon by the regulars."

Pierre Cornlouer, Mr Taylor's colleague in the specials, had to chase Matthew Williams towards the sea. Mr Cornlouer, who works in catering, got close enough at one point to grab his jacket. When he was captured, Rodger told police that Williams was armed with a homemade gun and 12 rounds of amunition which he said were blanks. "You don't think of your safety, you just do the job." Mr Cornlouer said.

Police tracker dogs played their part. Cornered at Island Harbour, Williams dived into six feet of water. PC Tony Woolcock and Bonzo, normally based at Hythe, went in after him. "When Bonzo and I went in I had no thoughts that he may have a gun," he said. "I just wanted to get him."

Part-timers take full-time risks for little more than expenses

By Stewart Tendler, crime correspondent

SPECIAL constables have been patrolling Britain's towns and villages much longer than regular policemen. More than 150 years before the first modern force was formed an Act was passed in 1673 allowing JPs to appoint special constables in their districts as officers of the law.

In 1831 new legislation allowed JPs to appoint as many specials as they needed to fight turmoil, riot or felony. When the Chartists marched on London in 1848 the government of the day could marshall an army of 170,000 specials.

Nowadays, any government would count itself very lucky to reach half that number. The total of specials has fallen drastically this century from 130,000 at the start of the First World War. There are currently 20,400 special constables in England and Wales.

The rural forces can still recruit substantial corps of specials but urban areas have more difficulty. Scotland Yard has 28,000 regular officers and only 1,500 specials out of a population of 7.1 million.

One reason may be the violence officers can now face. Both the public and criminals find it difficult to distinguish between officers — specials wear a small badge on their shoulders.

In 1992 Special Constable Glenn Goodman died after being shot by an IRA gunman as he made a vehicle check in North Yorkshire. In Birmingham last year Special Constable David McLeod went on duty one Friday evening and ended up in hospital after being stabbed in the chest.

Neither man served for profit. Specials will only receive out-of-pocket expenses for travel and meal allowances. If they miss work because of duty or because they have to give evidence in court they can claim any loss of earnings.

Anyone aged between 18 and 55 and in good health can become a special provided that they have no criminal convictions and do not work as firemen, private security guards, traffic wardens or are in the armed services. They must be prepared to work at least four hours a week, will have the same powers as any police officer and carry the same equipment.

In London they receive eight hours' training a week for 18 weeks and then further training during an 18-month probation. They do not work in plain clothes and carry out all the duties of an officer on the beat. Specials now man some traffic cars as radio operators and others make up boat crews on the Thames.

According to Ian Todd, a special for 32 years and chief commandant for Scotland Yard, some London stations are now totally manned by specials on Sundays and a number of public events such as the London marathon are now solely policed by them.

Regular officers complain the specials are a form of cheap labour but the Government is determined to raise their numbers. Not only can they bolster a hard-pressed police service but they can also build important links with communities. The percentage of London specials from ethnic minorities far outstrips the number of full-time officers from black and asian communities.

Experiments in the use of bounties tried by Dorset police were deemed a failure because recruiting numbers did not rise and there were tax problems. The idea has not been ruled out within the Home Office. But for the moment greater stock is being put into publicity, and a £3 million television recruiting campaign is under way.

There are signs that it may be working. Mr Todd said the campaign in Manchester was so successful that the force had to cut off applications.

Judge condemns 'justice on cheap'

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

A CIRCUIT judge blamed the Treasury for a two-year delay in a trial which he said prevented him from jailing a former charity worker who admitted theft.

The delay stemmed from an attitude of "justice on the cheap", Judge Paiba said at Kingston Crown Court. He spoke out out after hearing that the Home Office laboratory refused to authorise a handwriting expert to examine 73 suspect cheques because the amount involved was £2,000 under the £10,000 threshold.

Judge Paiba said: "I am just wondering if it is a deliberate policy to restrict justice or just ignorance. Perhaps just ignorance. It is nonsense that the prosecution of this case should be a question of financial consideration, constrained by people who do not understand life at all. What we have today is justice on the cheap."

The judge sentenced Chrysanta Williams, 35, to 240 hours of community service and six months in jail, suspended for two years "because of the time this case took to reach court". She had admitted at an earlier hearing ten sample charges of theft totalling £8,090 in 1992.

Brian Warner, for the prosecution, said that the need for examination of the suspect cheques arose because Williams, who lost her job as part-time administrator of Merton and Sutton Alcohol Project in December 1992, denied having written them.

"Because the total amount fell below £10,000, the officers in this case could not persuade a change of policy which would allow the cheques to be examined by a handwriting expert," Mr Warner said.

Later, however, MPs, a Justice of the Peace and the local council contacted the Home Secretary. Finally, the laboratory was told to make an exception.

Mr Warner said: "The test should not be just if the offence is a certain figure — there may be more important considerations." Judge Paiba added: "But we cannot get this through to the Treasury — sometimes with wrong consequences."

Trial delay keeps Ferguson playing

By Gillian Bowditch, Scotland correspondent

THE trial of the Everton footballer Duncan Ferguson was adjourned for the third time yesterday after his counsel called the Procurator Fiscal, the man responsible for the prosecution, as a defence witness.

Ferguson is accused of assaulting John McStay, a Raith Rovers defender, by butting him in the head and knocking him to the ground "to his injury" at the Ibrox ground of Glasgow Rangers during a Premier Division match on April 16 last year. At the time Ferguson was a Rangers player.

Donald Findlay, QC, for Mr Ferguson, said that he wanted to call Andrew Normand, the Procurator Fiscal, to establish how many of the assault cases prosecuted by him had stemmed from an incident on the football or rugby pitch. "If it is apparent that the Crown is being selective in the persons it prosecutes then that is clearly a matter your Lordship would want to take into account," he told Sheriff Craig Henry.

Sheriff Henry said the decision to call the Procurator Fiscal as a defence witness was "highly unusual" and refused permission. Mr Findlay appealed against the decision and the case was adjourned until May 9.

Ferguson will now be able to continue playing for most of the rest of the season. Only Everton's final league match *and the FA Cup final fall after* the date of the next hearing. A 12-match ban by the Scottish Football Association has been suspended until after the trial.

Ferguson: Scottish ban not effective this season

Flak flies over the night the SAS laid siege to Tyneside

By Paul Wilkinson

THE night the SAS raided Tyneside has brought profound apologies for the scores of residents who thought the Third World War had begun.

People in the Newcastle upon Tyne district of Newburn were brought tumbling from their beds in the early hours by explosions and the rattle of gunfire. But anxious 999 diallers were told: "It's OK. Go back to bed, it's only an exercise."

The pyrotechnics were the last phase of an Iranian-Embassy-type siege that ended early on Sunday with SAS soldiers storming "terrorists" to release their hostages. The operation, which cost £250,000, was watched by observers from the American FBI as well as security groups from Australia, Canada and Cyprus.

Northumbria Police admitted yesterday: "We could not tell the world in advance as that could have disrupted the operation. We are sorry if people were disturbed and we apologise for any distress caused."

The "siege" began on Friday night after "terrorists", played by soldiers, seized workers and visiting dignitaries at an industrial installation — in reality volunteers at the disused Stella North power station in the middle of council estates in Newburn.

For the next 36 hours police and security service negotiators attempted to talk the gunmen out of their threat to murder or injure their captives, but the talking ran out early on Sunday and the SAS moved in. Using live ammunition, stun grenades and controlled explosions they successfully freed the captives. The explosions, heard up to three miles away, caused about 60 worried residents to ring the police in panic as smoke billowed into the night sky.

During the operation roads were sealed off and police and military helicopters flew overhead. A police launch patrolled the river while officers with dogs searched the area.

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Demonstrators and police disperse after port says no animals to be exported overnight

Policeman injured as protesters alter tactics

By Kathryn Knight and Michael Hornsby

A POLICEMAN was seriously injured at Shoreham, West Sussex, yesterday when protestors demonstrating against the export of livestock to Europe changed tactics and attempted to impose a blanket ban on vehicles entering the harbour.

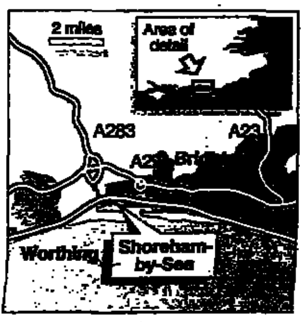
About a hundred demonstrators formed a chain across a main road in Hove, near Shoreham, to block one of the entries to the port. Police turned lorries away as demonstrators refused to move.

By nightfall few demonstrators were left. Sussex Police said they were "scaling down" their presence after being informed by port authorities that for the first time in eight days no attempt would be made to load livestock for shipment to France. "We expect the shipments to start again today or tomorrow," a spokesman said.

SHOREHAM

The police deployed more than 1,000 men for five nights running from last Wednesday, at an estimated cost of £155,000 a night.

PC Gary Hankey, 31, was injured when a van that had been turned back reversed into him. The officer, who is married, was knocked down and suffered knee and head injuries. He was taken to hospital in Brighton where he was recovering last night. The demonstration was broken up by police and there were no arrests.



There were fears last night that militant demonstrators might vent their anger on the 1,000-acre farm at Chewton Mendip, near Bath, where William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, owns a dairy herd of 400 Friesians. Mr Waldegrave admitted at the weekend that some calves from the herd may have ended up in France and Holland being reared in veal crates, which were banned in Britain five years ago.

Avon and Somerset Policee refused yesterday to say whether they were guarding the farm. "We do not discuss security matters", a spokesman said.

Sir Andrew Bowden, a senior Conservative backbencher and vice-president of the League Against Cruel Sports, said Mr Waldegrave should either step down or ensure his animals were not sold for veal production.

Mr Waldegrave said he did not like the way many veal animals were raised abroad but insisted there was little he could do stop his animals being exported. "They go to market and the auctioneer knocks them down to the highest bidder," he said.

Compassion in World Farming, a leading campaigner against the veal trade, said it would unveil "shocking" new filmed evidence today of the suffering of calves reared in French veal crates. Peter Stevenson, the charity's legal director, said: "We believe it is wrong for our farmers to send calves for rearing abroad in a cruel system that has been outlawed in Britain."

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Mr O'Connell's veal calves are free to move about in a large shed, unlike their continental counterparts, below, which are reared in "crates"

British veal production a 'vast improvement' on continental system

By Michael Hornsby
Agriculture Correspondent

DAVID O'CONNELL'S 110-acre farm is one of the few in Britain providing a more humane alternative to intensive continental methods of veal production.

Mr O'Connell produces about 230 veal calves a year near Lidlington, Befordshire, which he sells to a local abattoir. The abattoir supplies the meat to the Waitrose supermarket chain, which sells it as "English farmhouse veal" at £10 a lb.

Mr O'Connell said yesterday: "I buy the week-old animals from an agent in the West Country. They are male calves from local dairy herds which come in batches of 30 to 40 and take up to three hours to arrive here by road."

On arrival the animals go into a large, airy shed, 160ft long and 60ft wide, where they are free to move about. They have straw bedding and are fed fresh straw every day.

"The main difference with the continental systems is that our animals are not confined to narrow stalls, are allowed as little or as much milk as they want and get a proper supply of fibre in their diet. The animals are not allowed outside but the shed is naturally ventilated," Mr O'Connell said.

Most surplus calves from British dairy herds go to France and The Netherlands where they spend their short lives in narrow pens, or crates, unable to turn round or lie down properly. Continental farmers like British dairy calves because they are cheaper than those available locally. They are force fed on a milk-based diet deficient in roughage and minerals that is designed to produce the white meat favoured by continental veal eaters. The veal crate system has been banned in Britain since 1990.

Joyce D'Silva, director of Compassion in World Farming, which has led the campaign to end calf exports, said: "There is no doubt that the sort of methods used by Mr O'Connell are a vast improvement on what happens abroad, but it is hard to see how any system of meat production which involves separating calves from their mothers at birth can be regarded as humane."

The main supermarket chains yesterday denied selling any veal reared under the crate system. Sainsbury and Safeway said their veal came from British farms. Tesco and Marks and Spencer said they bought veal from Dutch farms that rear locally born calves, not ones imported from Britain, under conditions similar to those allowed here. "The animals are housed in spacious, straw-bedded pens in groups of six to eight and able to move freely," a spokesman for M&S said. "All dietary requirements are met in full."

Consumption of veal in Britain amounts to no more than 2,100 tonnes, about an ounce per person per year, according to the Meat and Livestock Commission. Of that about 450 tonnes comes from the handful of British farms involved in veal production, thought to be no more than a dozen. Caterers and restaurants mainly import Continental veal.

Keith Thomas, president of the British Cattle Veterinary Association, said: "The continental veal crate system is barbaric and I personally would like to see the veal export trade knocked on the head. But we have to face the fact that without the foreign outlet most male calves from dairy herds are surplus to beef requirements and would probably have to be killed at birth and sent to the knacker's yard."

Reduction of vehicle inspectors 'threatens safety'

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

THE senior traffic commissioner has warned the Government that plans to reduce the number of vehicle inspectors could mean more dangerous lorries on the roads.

The warning by Air Vice-Marshal Ronnie Ashford, appointed by the Government, comes as Steve Norris, minister with responsibility for road safety, is considering moves to confiscate lorries that fail roadside inspections for serious defects. As part of moves to achieve a 20 per cent efficiency saving, the number of vehicle examiners is being cut from 270 to 220 and traffic examiners from 220 to 150 by April next year. Vehicle examiners check the mechanical condition of vehicles; traffic examiners check legal requirements such as drivers' hours and the weight of vehicles.

Air Vice-Marshal Ashford said: "I am extremely concerned. This will make life much easier for the rogue operators, for in order to achieve targets the examiners will concentrate on busy routes. This will mean far fewer checks on lorries operating in rural areas. Savings should not be at the cost of inspectors in the field."

According to the Department of Transport, 40,000 of Britain's 400,000 lorries could be operating illegally. On any major enforcement check, about half of the vehicles are found with some fault.

A woman whose mother was killed by a lorry with defective brakes is to campaign for laws on road haulage to be tightened. Mary Williams wants courts to be able to impose fines of £20,000 for deaths caused by defective lorries. She wants the law to allow corporate manslaughter charges to be brought against firms found to have caused a death by operating a defective truck. The driver of the tanker which killed her mother Susan, 52, was convicted at Derby Crown Court of causing death by reckless driving, disqualified for four years and given community service. The haulier admitted charges relating to operating a defective lorry and was fined £2,330.

New livestock cargo makes tranquil landfall after eight-hour crossing

From Dominic Kennedy in Dieppe

AFTER the hullabaloo of Shoreham, the latest batch of 240 British calves arrived in France yesterday to the tranquility of an indifferent port.

The ferryboat *Northern Cruiser* docked in Dieppe at 1.50pm after an eight-hour Channel crossing. Lowing gently, two lorryloads of calves were herded into a vast, red-brick warehouse for eight hours of nourishment and shelter.

The driver who brought the calves, not yet two weeks old, from the North of England, had eagerly volunteered to brave the pickets of the South Coast. "There's not much point sitting around at home like I have for the past month because of all this fuss," he said.

"For the past 17 years I've been doing this job and there haven't been any demonstrations. The RSPCA should look at the conditions on some English farms closer to home before they start complaining about the French. You don't get this sort of trouble about pigs and chickens."

But Dr Maurice Venturini, a vet for the French Ministry of Agriculture, who examined the calves, has threatened to refuse permission for them to come to France unless rest periods for livestock being transported, known as lairage, are improved. He is unhappy that calves are forced to drink from troughs when they are too young. He insists that they must be provided with teats to help them feed.

The calves which arrived in France yesterday had been taken to Portsmouth for lairage before being driven to Shoreham on Sunday night, where about 200 demonstrators awaited them. The vehicles were loaded at 2am and the boat left England nearly three hours later. After resting yesterday, the calves were to be herded back on to their two-storey trailers for a journey through the countryside to a veal farm.

They are likely to spend the next five months in crates too small to turn around. They will be fed a liquid diet to ensure they produce pale meat. They will be slaughtered and their meat distributed in France and other countries, including Britain, where veal crates have been banned as cruel for the past five years.

Labour peer runs minister's historic farm

IN THE folds of the Mendip Hills outside Bath, the Waldegrave family cheese factory, which normally produces a ton a day of high-quality traditional Cheddar, is almost at a standstill (Alan Hamilton writes).

The family dairy business is run by Viscount Chewton, William Waldegrave's elder brother, who blames chaos in the wholesale market after Milk Marque replaced the Milk Marketing Board.

Mr Waldegrave is nominally, with his 89-year-old father, the 12th Earl Waldegrave, tenant of the 1,000-acre farm covering a third of an estate given by Queen Mary to Sir Edward Waldegrave in 1553 for adherence to Roman Catholicism after Henry VIII's switch to Protestantism. Lord Chewton will inherit.

Day-to-day running of the farm is conducted by AKC, a farm management company headed by Lord Carter, a Labour peer seen as a possible Agriculture Minister in a Labour government.

When Mr Waldegrave became Agriculture Minister last year, he resigned his unpaid directorship of Waldegrave Farms, retaining as much of an interest in the sharp end of farming as ministerial life allows.

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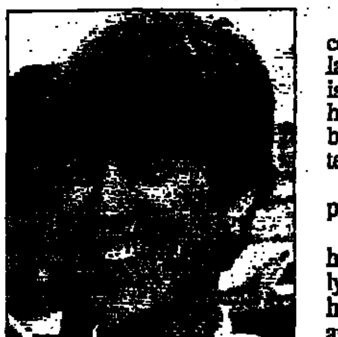
Minister's wife praises pale, tender meat from Holland

THE food writer Caroline Waldegrave, wife of the Agriculture Minister William Waldegrave, was yesterday drawn into the veal controversy over advice she once gave to cooks.

Mrs Waldegrave analyses the merits of Dutch and English veal in *Leith's Cookery Bible*, which she co-wrote with Prue Leith. The authors say that Dutch veal is generally considered best, although English veal has more flavour, partly because the animals are usually grass-fed.

The book, published in 1991, a year after veal crates were banned in Britain, advises shoppers how to choose veal and gives 15 veal recipes. "The flesh should be pale pink, soft but not flabby, and finely grained.



Caroline Waldegrave: "pink, expensive cuts"

"There should be a very little creamy white fat," the book says.

"Do not worry if there is a lot of gelatinous tissue around the meat as this is a natural characteristic of a very immature animal.

"Dutch veal is generally considered to be the best." A later section says: "Dutch veal is milk-fed and expensive. It has a pale pink colour and the best cuts are exceptionally tender.

"But the taste is mild to the point of insipidity . . .

"English veal is cheaper, has more flavour and generally has a slightly more reddish hue. That is because the animals are killed older than their Dutch fellows, and are generally, though not always, grass-fed."

Mrs Waldegrave was not available for comment last night.

"A spokesman for Compassion in World Farming, one of the groups leading the fight against veal crates, said: "It sounds like she's dropped herself right in it."

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Ninety years on, fifty vintage and classic cars will recreate 12,000-mile drive from Peking to Paris

Chinese blessing opens way for rerun of the Great Race

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

THE epic 12,000-mile rally from Peking to Paris that ushered in the age of the motor car is to be re-run 90 years later. In 1907 five cars battled over deserts and mountains in the world's first transcontinental motor rally. The authorities in Peking have given permission for a new version in 1997, this time featuring 50 vintage and classic cars.

Eighteen months of negotiations have been helped along by Sir David Steel, the former Liberal Democrat leader, who hopes to be one of the entrants in his 1960s Rover P5.

The cars will head out of Peking to Lhasa in Tibet, Kathmandu in Nepal, over the Indian plains, through Pakistan, Iran, Turkey, and northern Greece before taking a ferry to Italy for the final dash to the line in Paris. The trip will be long and arduous for such venerable machines, but the contestants are unlikely to face the demands of the 1907 race in which the cars at times had to be dismantled, pushed, shoved, carried and towed by horses. Likely starters this time include an Austin Seven, a 1924 Lanchester, a Jaguar XK120 and a Bentley 3½ litre.

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Philip Young, the organiser, said yesterday that the 1997 event would not be such a "heads down and tails up" affair and would include 35 days for sightseeing and repairs and maintenance as part of the package deal offered to entrants paying £15,000 a car. Things were not like that in 1907 when the competitors took up the challenge issued by *Le Matin*, the French newspaper looking for a publicity stunt to boost circulation. The teams had no back-up and the crews slept in and under their cars, in tents, castles and monasteries. Chinese peasants who barely knew what a car was happily pushed them up the steepest gradients. When the road ran out the competitors drove along railway lines.

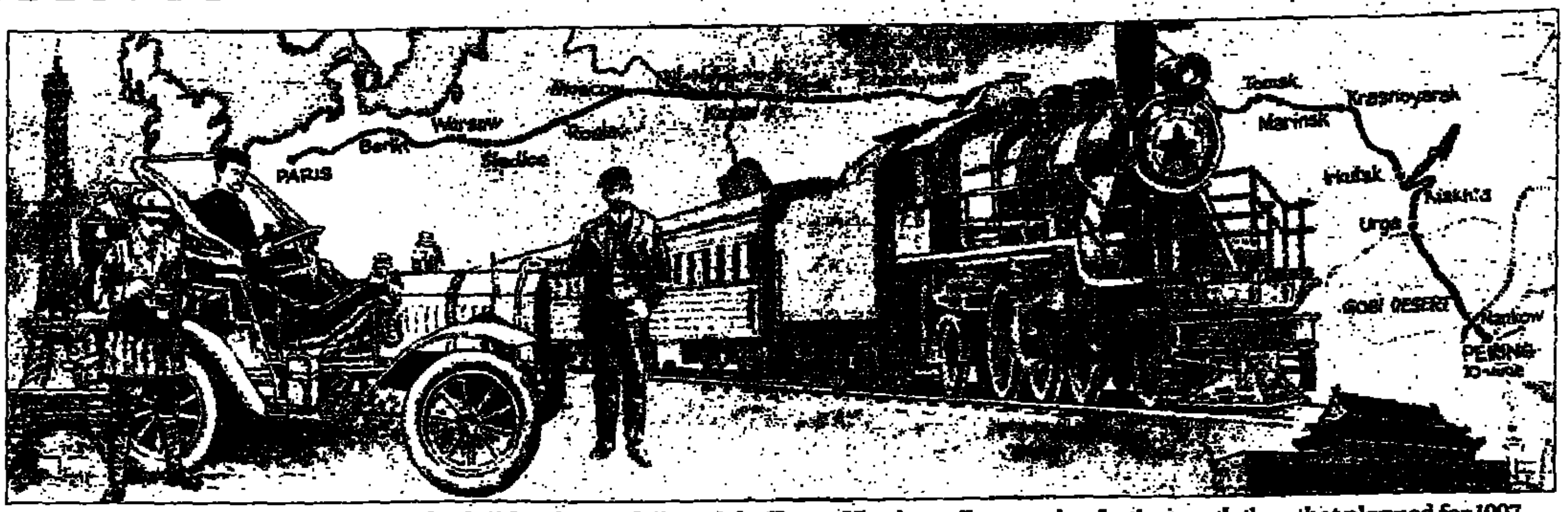
British newspapers jumped onto *Le Matin*'s bandwagon for what had become known as The Great Race. *The Times*, the *Daily Mail* and *The Daily Telegraph* all sent correspondents to get on board the cars to file copy.

Unfortunately, readers of *The Times* were deprived of their daily update on the progress of the rally, according to Mr Young, due to the underhand tactics of the man from the *Mail*, who missed his boat to Peking. He simply went to the communications station where messages, carried for days by Mongolian peasant, camel and donkey, were to be relayed to Britain. As the despatches from *The Times* arrived, he is said to have diverted them straight to his own newspaper. *The Times* had to make do with Reuter's despatches.

It took 60 days for the winner, Prince Scipione Borghese in an Itala, to complete the journey a week ahead of the Dutch runner-up, a fairground barker in a Spyker who begged and borrowed his way along the 12,000-mile route, taking petrol and tyres from other competitors. He was later arrested for fraud.

Four of the cars made it home with the fifth, a three-wheeled Contal, abandoned in the Gobi Desert. The driver and passenger were rescued but legend has it that the car is still there.

The prize — a bottle of champagne — was barely the motivation for such an enormous undertaking. But Prince Borghese, whose car is preserved by Fiat in the National Motor Museum in Turin, gained immortality as the winner of a race that has since inspired generations.



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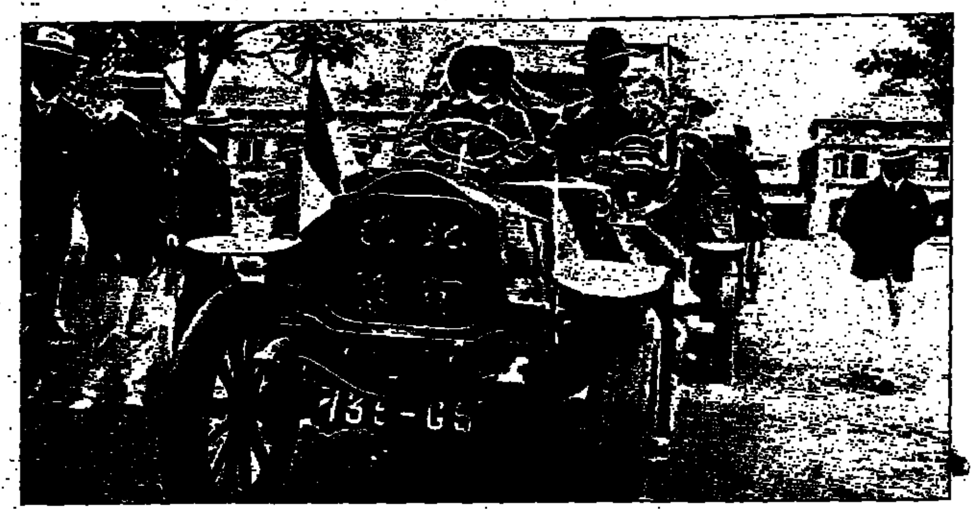

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

Dealer West **Game all**

North:
♠2
♥A52
♦K105
♣AKJ954

West:
♠KJ1084
♥K106
♦643
♣102

East:
♠A873
♥J874
♦Q872
♣8

South:
♠Q95
♥Q93
♦AJ9
♣Q763

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Pass	1♣	Pass	2NT (1)
Pass	3NT	All pass	

Opening lead: ♠J

By Robert Sheehan
Bridge Correspondent

(1) It is of course correct to bid 2NT. Balanced hands with as much as five-card support for a minor frequently play better in No-Trumps.

This is a hand from the Well-Being Charity Tournament last year. East plays the ace of spades on the jack. What should he return?

Answer: Normally it is correct to return the original fourth highest, here the three. However, East's spade pips have a dangerous appearance — there might easily be a blockage if West's small spades are lower than the eight. So it is advisable to return the eight. Declarer plays the queen and now West has a problem — if South has four spades and East a side entry, West should duck to keep communication. West should get this right: (a) South did not respond One Spade; (b) from the look of the dummy South is likely to have nine tricks if he gets in. So West takes the queen of spades with the king and plays the ten of spades. East completes a good defence by unblocking his seven of spades on the third round, enabling West to cash the last two spades.

Nicola Smith

Nicola Smith (nee Gardener) has been made an MBE for services to bridge. She has won the Venice Cup (the women's teams world championship) twice and the European Ladies Team Championship three times. Last autumn she won the Ladies World Individual Championship.

KEENE on CHESS

By Raymond Keene
Chess Correspondent

Master of the art of chess

Grandmaster Harry Golombek OBE, who was chess correspondent of *The Times* for 40 years from 1945 to 1985, died at the weekend.

He was one of the last surviving links with those chessboard greats of the past, Lasker, Capablanca and Alekhine, and he had a ready fund of amusing anecdotes concerning all three.

Golombek related that a manuscript by Alekhine (world champion from 1927 to 1935 and 1937 to 1946) entrusted to his care for editing had gone astray in the post. Golombek therefore wrote the relevant chapter in Alekhine's style and nobody noticed, not even Alekhine himself.

As a code-breaker during the war at Bletchley Park, one of Golombek's party tricks, on the occasion of a visit by Winston Churchill, was to recite the alphabet backwards.

In the realm of chess theory Golombek championed the English Opening, 1 c4, followed by g3 and Bg2, which he welded into a fearsome weapon on the tournament circuit.

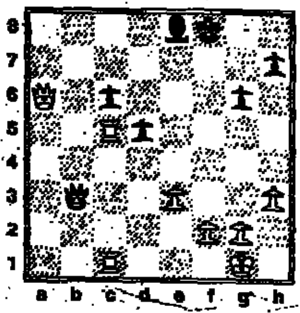
It was Golombek's firm conviction, expressed in his many articles and books, that chess could aspire to be a form of art. His own two heroes were the supremely logical Capablanca and the sublimely romantic player Reti. Golombek's own best games tend to exhibit a clear strategic line followed by an elegant tactical denouement to overwhelm his already struggling victim. The following fine game is a case in point.

White: Golombek
Black: Broadbent
London 1946

Slav Defence

1	d4	d5
2	c4	c6
3	e3	Nf6
4	Nf3	g6
5	Bd3	Bg7
6	0-0	0-0
7	Nbd2	Nbd7
8	Qe2	Re8
9	cxd5	cxd5
10	h3	e5
11	dxe5	Nxe5
12	Bb5	Nc6
13	Rd1	Qb6
14	Nb3	a6
15	Bxc6	bxc6
16	Bd2	a5
17	Bc3	a4
18	Bd4	Qd8
19	Nc5	Bf8
20	Rac1	Bd6
21	Qc2	Qe7
22	Qc3	Nd7
23	Nxd7	Bxd7
24	Bc5	Rab8
25	Rd2	Rb5
26	Bxd6	Qxd6
27	Nd4	Rb6
28	Qc5	Qb8
29	b3	axb3
30	axb3	Ra6
31	Rdc2	Qb6
32	Qd6	Rd8
33	Rc5	Be8
34	Qf6	Rc8
35	Ne6	fxe6
36	Qxe6chk	Kf8
37	Qxc8	Qxb3
38	Qxa6	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



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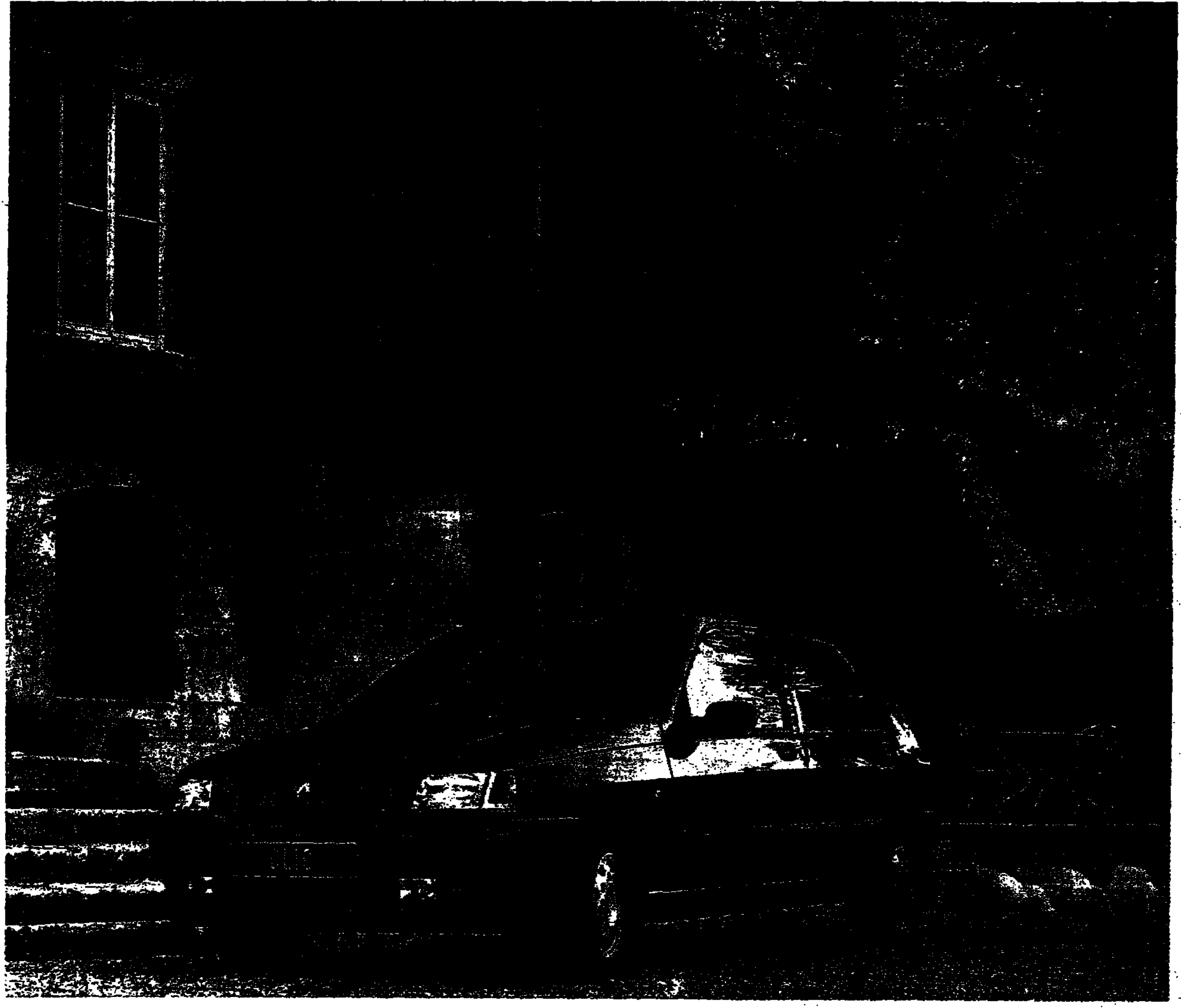

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'There is no more important task before us'

New Clause 4 is the key to success, says Blair

By Jill Sherman and Arthur Leathley

TONY BLAIR warned the Labour Party yesterday to back his plan to rewrite Clause Four or jeopardise the chance of winning the next general election.

The Labour leader said that his decision to replace the nationalisation clause, the cornerstone of the party's constitution, was the key to his strategy for national renewal. He made clear that the issue had become a personal crusade and would be a crucial test to his leadership.

"There is no more important task before us to ensure Labour's electability," Mr Blair said. "Our new constitution will be the foundation and the launching pad of Labour's crusade for national renewal."

Referring indirectly to dissension within the party over Clause Four, Mr Blair underlined the urgent need to present a new set of values to show what the modern Labour Party stood for. "No matter how discredited the Tories may be, it is about us, not them, that the public now want to know more." He said that he was confident of getting the new draft through at a special conference on April 29 by persuading people that it was the right thing to do. "That is what leadership is about." But he made clear that he was not prepared to do any deals with the trade unions on the wording of the new draft, which is expected to have no commitment to *renationalisation*.

Trade union leaders are said to have been pressing the Labour leadership to promise the reversal of rail privatisation or water privatisation in return for support on April 29. But yesterday Mr Blair said it would be foolish to make any commitment to take British Rail or any other privatised industry back into public ownership.

Labour would nevertheless continue its campaign against rail privatisation, despite the difficulties of reversing legislation at this stage. "We don't want the railways privatised. Our campaign is to prevent that privatisation happening, not to get into hypothetical questions as to what we would do this way or that way."

Today, Mr Blair's Clause Four plan was opposed by a majority of Labour's Euro-MPs in a front-page advertisement in *The Guardian*. Several of the MEPs plan to emphasise their opposition tonight when Mr Blair makes a speech to businessmen in Brussels.

Yesterday Mr Blair outlined three populist parliamentary campaigning themes for this year directed mainly at gaining "Middle England" support. Apart from fighting plans to privatise BR, Labour wants to curb boardman pay and profits of privatised utilities and stop measures to withdraw mortgage help for the unemployed. In opposing the mortgage plan, Labour hopes to attract the support of some Tory rebels.

Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, said that homeowners were facing extra costs of £50 a month. The typical mortgage had risen by £15; home contents insurance had risen by £8 a year; mortgage relief had been cut by £10 a month and would be cut by a further £10 this April; and homeowners would have to spend an extra £20 a month on mortgage insurance to make up for the loss of state help. "Homeowners have become the Government's new target in 1995," Mr Brown said.

Jeremy Hanley, the Tory party chairman, accused Mr *Blair of ignoring the truth that* Britain's economy and world position were improving. He insisted that the improvements would bring about tax cuts. "As the economy gets stronger and stronger and stronger, people who have given us those extra taxes will get their money back. That is what the Prime Minister has made clear."

Mr Hanley, who published a list of 100 improvements that he said the Conservatives had achieved, accused Labour of "grievance politics" in underlining negative aspects without proposing new ideas.

Peter Lilley, page 16

CHRIS HARRIS

Tony Blair yesterday at a press conference to outline Labour's 1995 agenda

Tory rebels plan more trouble for Major

By Arthur Leathley
Political Correspondent

JOHN MAJOR faces further disruption from whipless Tory MPs tomorrow unless the Government treats them as party members.

The nine MPs who lost the Tory whip after the rebellion over the European finance Bill will be pressed by opposition parties to back their demand for the Government to lose its majority on the Commons committees that study the detail of new legislation. The demand is based on the Government now being in a minority in Parliament.

The rebels are to call for the same rights as Conservative MPs to be selected for standing committees, even though technically they are not members of the parliamentary party. A meeting of the MPs today will decide the group's final tactics in tomorrow's Commons vote but they are prepared to abstain against the Government unless they receive assurances. They argue that they gain no benefit from ensuring that the Government retains its majority unless they are eligible to be selected to the committees by the Tory party.

Exceptional Tory who eschews glib aspirations

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Most Tory MPs are in favour of containing, even cutting, public expenditure in general. But few are prepared to identify, let alone to support, savings in particular — apart from talking about eliminating waste. Peter Lilley has always been an exception. Not for him some "big bang" approach of rolling back the state, a British version of the glib aspirations of Newt Gingrich's "Contract with America". Instead, he is an avowed Fabian, a believer, if not in the inevitability of gradualism, then at least in its cumulative *impact on total public spending*.

Yesterday, he updated his Mais lecture of June 1993 at a Social Market Foundation seminar. He discussed the actions taken, or now being discussed by Parliament, in the areas of most rapid growth: pensions, sickness benefit, lone parents, unemployment and housing benefits and costs. In some cases, the main rows are still to come: for example, over incapacity benefit and the proposed cutbacks to income support for mortgage interest.

These policy changes should produce net savings of £4 billion a year by the end of the century compared with projections two years ago. Total benefit spending then should be over £8 billion less than previously forecast, with the other half explained by lower than expected unemployment. Total savings from policy changes, including the equalisation of the state pension age at 65, will amount to more than £14 billion a year when implemented in the next century.

Two years ago, the underlying rate of growth of social security spending was projected at 3.3 per cent a year in real terms up to the end of the century. Now, social security spending is expected to grow by 1.3 per cent a year for the next three years. But, thereafter, the underlying growth rate is likely to re-emerge, now forecast at 2.1 per cent a year.

This is broadly the same as the long-run growth rate of the economy and is faster than the planned growth of public spending. Mr Lilley states that this "is incompatible with our objective of reducing the state's share of national income without squeezing other departments' budgets intolerably". Moreover, the projections do not allow for "any increase in benefit rates above inflation, nor for any major enhancements, nor for any new needs which may emerge". Even now, spending has been raised to improve work incentives and to help those with "limited earning power". Mr Lilley wants to help those at the bottom end of the income scale via in-work benefits, *in preference to them remaining unemployed*.

Mr Lilley yesterday gave few hints about where further savings could be found — though he discussed some procedural changes such as pilot schemes locally before changes are applied national*ly and devolving responsi*bility on payment of some benefits to a local level. Mr Lilley has so far concentrated on the areas of fastest growth. While the proposals on housing benefit are clearly not the last word, he is probably going to have to look at some core programmes, which are not in themselves growing fast but which can be slimmed down. In some cases, where provision can be switched to the private sector, as is happening on a large scale with pensions. This is why he is urging greater private insurance of mortgages (which Mr Lilley discusses on page 16).

This approach contrasts with that of the opposition parties and the so far guarded response of the Labour leadership to the report of its Social Justice Commission. Mr Lilley and Donald Dewar are both serious politicians interested in ideas. But while they may *recognise some of the same* problems, their values differ. They do not offer a cosy new consensus. Within the growing Tory debate about spending and taxes, Mr Lilley's speeches show both the limits and the potential of what can be achieved. There is no short cut to cutting spending: only a series of often painful measures which may slow its rate of growth gradually over a period of years.

PETER RIDDELL

IN PARLIAMENT

YESTERDAY: The Lords gave a *second reading to the European* Communities (Finance) Bill.

TODAY: In the Commons, there will be questions to employment ministers and the Prime Minister. A debate on the second reading of the Jobseekers Bill will be opened by Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary.

In the Lords, the remaining stages of the European Communities (Finance) Bill will be completed and there will be a debate on the cost burden of fire safety legislation on business and taxpayers.

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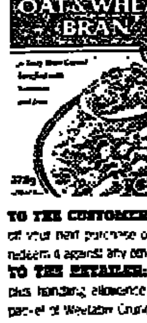

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Growing barrage of war opponents threatens Yeltsin

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW

AS RUSSIAN forces closed in yesterday on the last pockets of Chechen resistance in Grozny, President Yeltsin seemed unlikely to win more than a pyrrhic victory even if his troops finally capture the destroyed capital.

With the resistance expected to continue as a guerrilla army in the countryside, the Russian leader also faces a renewed campaign in Moscow against the war. Regardless of any battlefield successes an angry coalition is unlikely to forgive or forget the bungled and bloody operation in the northern Caucasus.

Apart from the almost daily street demonstrations, the focus of opposition to the campaign is likely to move to the Duma, the lower house of parliament, which reconvenes tomorrow in a special session to debate Chechenia.

The liberal Russia's Choice faction, that formerly was allied to President Yeltsin, will lead a broad opposition on several fronts to find out who is responsible for the costly armed intervention and to ensure that it can never happen again. Proposals include a Bill to ban the use of the army to resolve internal disputes; legislation to force the military to disclose details of wounded, dead and missing soldiers; the halting of payment of any additional funds to meet the spiralling costs of the military operation; and the opening of parliamentary hearings to investigate the Government's handling of the conflict.

"Today the maximum unity of all the reasonable thinking forces in society is vital," Yegor Gaidar, the former Prime Minister and leader of Russia's Choice, said. "We have to put pressure on those at the top. We have to bring truth to the public, despite the censorship that is becoming more and more strict. We have to shape public opinion through mass protest actions. Only then will we have the chance to stop the madness of bloodshed."

His proposals are likely to receive support from several parliamentary factions, including the pro-democracy Yabloko bloc and the Communist Party. However, the success of the campaign could depend on how the ultranationalist Liberal Democrat Party, led by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, votes.

"Zhirinovsky has so far backed Yeltsin, but it will not be long before he abandons his support and we are hoping that will happen this week," said Anatoli Shabad, a parliamentarian who spent several days in Grozny as part of an anti-war delegation.

Human rights organisations, parents of the teenage conscripts fighting in Chechenia and the press are also intensifying pressure on the Kremlin to halt the war. Yesterday, for instance, a group of middle-aged women picketed the Ministry of Defence and urged the generals to bring their sons home from the front. Other anxious mothers have gone to the northern Caucasus to berate the commanding officers.

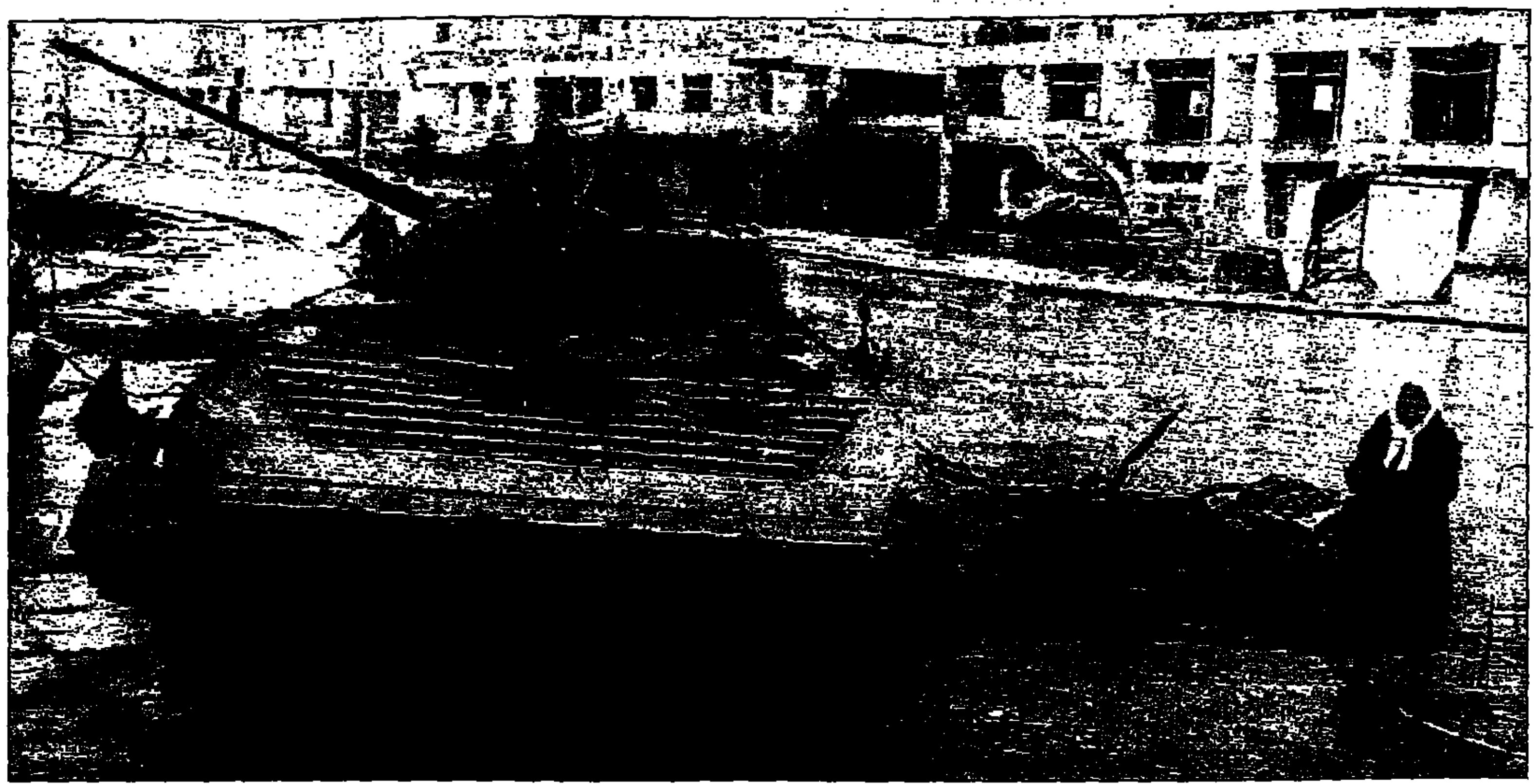
Many opinion polls taken since Russian troops went into Chechenia more than a month ago have confirmed that the conflict is deeply unpopular. It is not yet clear, however, whether public dissatisfaction will reach such a level that it can be translated into the type of street action that could bring down Mr Yeltsin and the rest of the leadership.

Much will depend on how the Russian leader handles the aftermath of the crisis. For the time being, most Russians are still not affected directly. However, if the economy suffers and the leadership continues to "stonewall" its critics, the once populist Russian President may be forced from power by the very people who put him in the Kremlin.

☐ **Paris:** France told Russia yesterday that it risked setting back efforts to build new ties to Europe if what Paris called repression and human rights violations continued in Chechenia.

"If the situation continues to deteriorate, if the repression continues and if human rights are again flouted, we will have other ways of responding," Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, said. "Russia wants to join the Council of Europe, and there is also a partnership agreement between Russia and the European Union, which contains a clause on human rights," M Juppé said in an interview in the French daily, *Libération*.

Paris has criticised Moscow several times for the heavy civilian casualties inflicted during its attacks on rebel Chechenia. *(Reuter)*



An elderly woman passes a wrecked Russian armoured vehicle yesterday during a lull in the battle for Grozny, the capital of Chechenia

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Spice of life speeds cosmonaut to Earth

BY NICK NUTTALL, TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A RUSSIAN cosmonaut yesterday broke the record for the longest time spent in space after enjoying his 366th day orbiting the earth in the Mir space station.

Dr Valeri Poliakov, 51, who blasted off from the Baikonur cosmodrome on January 8 last year, beat by a day the record set by Musa Manarov and Vladimir Titov, who spent a year in space.

When he returns in March, after adding a further 63 days to his mission, Dr Poliakov can expect a hero's welcome. He will have flown close to 250 million miles, the equivalent of a return trip to the Sun or scores of missions to Mars. The present mission is his second: in 1988-89 he spent 242 days in space.

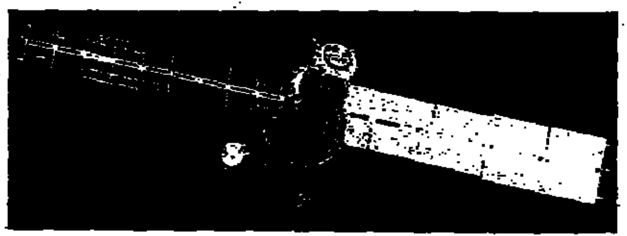
However, Dr Poliakov, deputy director of Moscow's institute for medical and biological research, is likely to shun the festivities in favour of rest, rehabilitation and some spicy food. The exact changes which weightlessness will have wrought on his body will be the subject of investigations by Russian and European scientists who will pore over his physiology and mental condition with elaborate tests.

Some of the results will confirm the toll taken on his limbs, immune system and taste buds confirmed by previous manned missions to Mir. But the tests may also indicate other findings that could shed light on the difficulties humanity faces in visiting planets such as Mars or in establishing planetary colonies.

During his long trip Dr Poliakov will have suffered space sickness and his face will have puffed up as up to 3.5 pints of blood and fluids shifted from his legs to his upper body and head. The shift can also cause sinus problems, burning eyes, a faster pulse, unpredictable heartbeats and high blood pressure.

Over the past 12 months the cosmonaut, whose mission was nearly cut short in August when two supply rockets failed to dock at the space station because of technical hitches, will also have endured calcium loss from his bones. The effect, which some scientists hope might shed light on the brittle bone diseases suffered by some post-menopausal women, is believed to be due to a reduction in loading on the skeleton by living a weightless life.

Cosmonauts can also suffer a reduction in red blood and immune cells. Other effects may include memory damage. Cosmonauts have also reported a loss of taste which is why they often ask for spicy food to be sent on supply rockets and why the first sensation for a new cosmonaut on entering Mir is said to be a strong whiff of garlic.



The Mir space station, Dr Poliakov's home for a year

Mercenaries 'threaten Tajik raids'

FROM REUTER IN DUSHANBE

ARAB mercenaries backing exiled Islamic fighters have entered eastern Tajikistan and may be plotting against government forces in the Central Asian country, a military source said yesterday.

It said that about 20 fighters had penetrated the autonomous region of Gorno-Badakhshanskaya and intelligence showed they may mine key roads and try to attack government aircraft flying over the region.

The action would be another violation of the ceasefire agreed in October between the Russian-backed Tajik Government and opposition forces driven into exile in a 1992 civil war from which the country has barely recovered.

Rebel forces are based in neighbouring Afghanistan and have launched a string of deadly cross-border raids — with the help of Afghan mujahidin fighters and other mercenaries — against a 25,000-strong border force under Russian command.

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Peres-Arafat talks stall over troop and settler issues

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

THE Middle East peace process ran into further obstacles yesterday as two of its chief architects failed to resolve the question of continued Jewish settlement and the delayed redeployment of Israeli troops in the occupied West Bank.

Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, and Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, met at the Erez crossing point into the autonomous Gaza Strip, scene of last week's killing of three PLO policemen by Israeli troops. Shortly before their meeting, a booby-trapped donkey cart exploded beside an Israeli bus but passengers escaped unhurt.

As the Erez meeting began, leading members of the Palestinian Authority appointed by Mr Arafat were striving to whip up Arab public opinion over the divisive settlement issue. They staged a campaign rally in the self-rule enclave of Jericho for communal leaders from all over the West Bank under the slogan which has become the PLO's new rallying cry: "The destruction of peace by settlements."

Tension between Arabs and Jews, which since the new year has risen to levels not seen since the height of the Palestinian intifada, was increased by reports that Reserve General Ariel Sharon, the former right-wing Defence Minister who instigated the 1982 Lebanon war, had called upon armed Jewish settlers to establish "volunteer units" to defend the 120,000 Jews living in the territories.

General Sharon made his call during the emotional funeral on Sunday at which he eulogised Ofra Felix, 19, the daughter of a settler rabbi killed in a Palestinian ambush. "If the Government is unable or unwilling, because of political considerations, adequately to fight terror, we are obliged to protect the roads", the former war hero told the crowd.

Growing distrust of the 15-month-old peace treaty among Israeli Jews was increased by the publication in the Israeli press of a photograph showing Palestinian policemen at a graduation parade in Jericho giving the Nazi salute.

With separate opinion polls showing public support for the near-deadlocked peace deal plummeting among both Israelis and Palestinians, a remarkable transcript of the divisions inside the centre-left Israeli Cabinet over the central settlement question dashed hopes that the Government of Yitzhak Rabin would be able to make the concessions to Arab opinion.

At Sunday's heated session of the Cabinet, dominated by internal bickering over the recent compromise to allow a settlement near Bethlehem to be extended on a different hill than that originally selected by the settlers, Shimon Shetreet, the Economy Minister, told Yossi Sarid, a dove: "You do not know what Cabinet you are sitting in. This is a Government of Jews, not Arabs."

At yesterday's meeting, agreement was reached on a number of fringe questions surrounding the autonomy talks, including an Israeli offer to recognise passports issued by the Palestinian Authority and to consider urgent Palestinian requests for the release of more prisoners.

But despite attempts by both Mr Arafat and Mr Peres to convey animpression that progress had been made, officials said that the main two issues in dispute would now be discussed at a meeting between the PLO chief and Mr Rabin scheduled for next week.

The dilemma facing Mr Rabin was illustrated again only hours before the Erez meeting, when hundreds of Jewish settlers staged an angry demonstration on the road to Bethlehem after hearing rumours that the biblical town might be among the next areas to be handed over to the Palestinian Authority.

In Cairo yesterday, PLO and Israeli negotiators reopened the official talks on the long-delayed plan for implementing stage two of the peace treaty by extending self-rule in the West Bank outside Jericho. Saeb Erekat, the chief PLO delegate, said he expected the Israelis to continue "their procrastination and delays" on withdrawing troops.

Shimon Peres, left, and Yassir Arafat held talks amid mounting Arab anger over Jewish settlements

Singapore concedes MPs use law to ruin opponents

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN SINGAPORE

THE Singapore Government said yesterday that Singapore was the only country in Asia where, as a matter of practice, government MPs sued opposition politicians for damages for defamation, sometimes driving them into bankruptcy.

The statement was one of the city-state's most forthright acknowledgements of its tough approach to political opposition. It was made by Chan Sek Keong, the Attorney-General, during contempt of court hearings in Singapore High Court against an American academic, an Australian journalist and the Paris-based *International Herald Tribune*.

The paper carried an article on October 7 that, according to the Government, implied that Singapore's judiciary was "compliant" in the face of official pressure to drive political opponents into bankruptcy. Between 1971 and 1993 government politicians lodged 11 civil claims against opposition politicians for defamation.

The Government, meanwhile, takes a tough line towards criticism in the press, whether national or foreign. In 1990, it sued *The Asian Wall Street Journal* for contempt of court for allegedly casting aspersions on the judiciary. The paper was found guilty and fined.

Christopher Lingle, former senior fellow in European studies at the National University of Singapore, who wrote the *Tribune* article, refused to return from the United States to answer contempt charges. He went home after being interviewed by the police and resigned from there.

Justice Goh Joon Seng ruled after a day of submissions yesterday that he was satisfied there was a prima facie case and adjourned hearings until next Tuesday. Michael Richardson, the Singapore-based Asia Editor of the *Tribune*, will be cross-examined then by the Attorney-General, who contends that the article intentionally "scandalised" the Singapore judiciary by implication, without naming it.

Richardson: edited the offending article

Mr Richardson said in an affidavit that when he edited Mr Lingle's article, which had been unsolicited, he thought the reference to "a compliant judiciary" was to the judiciary in Asian communist and military regimes such as China, Burma and North Korea.

The *Tribune* article said intolerant regimes in the region used ingenuity to suppress dissent. Some crushed unarmed students with tanks or imprisoned dissidents. "Others are more subtle: relying upon a compliant judiciary to bankrupt opposition politicians, or buying out enough of the opposition to take control 'democratically'."

Mr Chan argued that since Singapore was the only Asian country where it was practice for opposition politicians to be sued by government MPs for defamation, it was clear which country Mr Lingle was referring to. "As a result of such legal proceedings a number of opposition politicians have been adjudged to be bankrupt."

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Peking says Deng in good health

FROM AFP
IN PEKING

THE Chinese Government was forced to issue another upbeat bulletin about the health of Deng Xiaoping yesterday after Japan's top-selling daily reported that the 90-year-old senior leader was chronically sick.

"Comrade Deng enjoys a good health. Those reports by the external press are groundless," a spokesman said.

The *Yomiuri Shimbun* reported yesterday that Mr Deng was admitted to hospital last month and was so ill that President Jiang Zemin could not see him. The report added that he would be unable to make his traditional public appearance for the Lunar New Year on January 31.

Israeli police examine a donkey after the cart it was pulling exploded near a Jewish settlement in Gaza yesterday

Arms dealer faces Achille Lauro trial

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

MONZER al-Kassar, 49, a Syrian arms dealer on £5 million bail, went on trial yesterday at Madrid's National Court accused of organising Palestinian terrorists who hijacked the ill-fated Italian liner *Achille Lauro* in 1985.

The Syrian, who has lived in extravagant style in Marbella since 1983, said that "never in my life" had he supplied arms to the guerrillas of Abu Abbas, who were responsible for the hijack. But he admitted he had been an arms agent for the Khomeini regime in Iran.

During the hijack, the attackers shot dead Leon Klinghoffer, an American, in his wheelchair and threw his body overboard. The attackers, who wanted Israel to release 600 prisoners, were finally arrested. The *Achille Lauro* was destroyed by fire off Somalia late last year. The Spanish prosecutor has demanded 29 years in jail for Mr al-Kassar for an act of piracy.

It is alleged that in the summer of 1985 he collected four Kalashnikov assault rifles and eight hand grenades from his warehouse in Warsaw and delivered them to the Palestinian group in Tunis. His trial is expected to last at least two weeks.

Pope tests stamina with tour of Asia

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

HISTORY'S most travelled Pope, recently slowed down by illness and infirmity, is on the move again. An 11-day Asian tour, which begins tomorrow, will be a key test of his stamina and of his slow-healing right leg, which he broke in a fall last April.

The Pope seems intent on keeping his appointment with young people in the Philippines, Asia's most Catholic nation, and showing the papal flag in Papua New Guinea, Australia and Sri Lanka. Although the 74-year-old pontiff's programme has been trimmed, he is due to make 30 speeches.

When he arrives in the Philippines on Thursday the Pope will meet 15 Chinese party-appointed priests, nuns and lay-people at a meeting that represents the culmination of several years of often secret Sino-Vatican diplomacy. Peking broke off relations with the Vatican in 1951 and has appointed its own Catholic clergy under the aegis of the Catholic Patriotic Association.

For 40 years many Chinese bishops and priests who refused to renounce Rome have been imprisoned. The Vatican is said to have secretly consecrated its own priests and bishops.

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Chirac proclaims credentials to cure French ills

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AMID increasing defections by his Gaullist lieutenants, Jacques Chirac proclaimed himself yesterday the best hope for healing France's ills and made clear he had no intention of giving up the fight against Edouard Balladur, the Prime Minister and fellow Gaullist who leads the field of presidential contenders.

The latest offensive in M Chirac's battle with his erstwhile protégé came with the launch of a book, *La France pour Tous*, in which the party leader depicts himself as the agent of radical change and denounces the Balladur Government for inertia and conservatism. M Chirac, who twice served as Prime Minister over the past two decades, is to hold talks with John Major in London tomorrow.

"As candidate for the presidency, I want to engage in a sincere dialogue with the French people," M Chirac said in an article yesterday. "If they refuse me their confidence, I would respect their choice without bitterness."

M Chirac, 62, has been thrown on the defensive for months by the popularity and masterful tactics of M Balladur, 65. Since the retreat of Jacques Delors, the only plausible left-wing contender, influential ministers have shifted their loyalties openly to M Balladur, who holds a seemingly unassailable lead in the polls. The Prime Minister's announcement of his candidature, due next week, is expected to prompt an endorsement from Charles Pasqua, the last heavyweight Gaullist, who has not yet clearly signalled his loyalty in the party civil war. M Chirac, however, enjoys the support of Alain Juppé, the interim Gaullist leader and Foreign Minister, half a dozen other ministers and of Philippe Séguin, the influential parliamentary Speaker.

M Chirac is also backed by most of the rank and file in the Rassemblement Pour la République, the "neo-Gaullist" party that he founded in 1976 and led until the election campaign. The latest polls indicate that the two-round election is most likely to end with a run-off round on May 7 between M Chirac and M Balladur, with the latter winning.

In an editorial yesterday, *Le Monde* said that France seemed to be repeating the outline of its 1969 presidential election, when the field was overwhelmingly dominated by Gaullist and conservative candidates. In a referendum that year, France gave a vote of no confidence in General Charles de Gaulle the party founder and President, forcing his withdrawal before the vote. "Without overstating it, Jacques Chirac is today in a position comparable to that of de Gaulle a quarter of a century ago," *Le Monde* said.

Firmly on the defensive, M Chirac, who has been Mayor of Paris since 1977, hopes that his latest book will match the success of its first volume, published last summer, which topped the best-seller lists. Too often, he said yesterday, his ideas had been caricatured. He defended himself against the widespread charge that he has shifted beliefs so often that he has lost credibility. France, he said, was suffering its gravest social crisis since 1958, when de Gaulle was summoned to preside over a new republic and the last thing it needed was a do-nothing leadership.

Although striking a lofty tone and invoking the legacy of the late general, M Chirac declined to list the radical reforms he proposed for France. "I have abstained from listing the catalogue of measures, as is dictated by electoral custom."

☐ **Allies rebuffed:** France last night rejected British and American criticism of its decision to establish a diplomatic toehold in Baghdad nearly four years after the Gulf War, saying both already had low-level links with Iraq.

Washington and London expressed concern that Paris's decision last week might encourage President Saddam Hussein to flout peace terms imposed after the 1991 war ejected Iraqi troops from Kuwait.

"An Iraqi interests section has been open in London since 1991 while the Iraqi interests section opened in Paris only in September 1993," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

"The American reaction is even more astonishing as the United States itself has, in Baghdad since 1991, a set-up operating in the buildings of the American Embassy under the Polish flag."

The spokesman noted that Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti Foreign Minister, had expressed satisfaction that the decision would not affect relations between France and Kuwait and did not violate UN resolutions. *(Reuter)*

M Chirac, left, with M Balladur during friendlier times. Now he says he is the best hope for France

Puccini, who is depicted in the Italian television series as a womaniser and whoremonger. His granddaughter is suing RAI, the television company concerned

Airing of Puccini 'secrets' sounds note of discord

FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

THE granddaughter of the composer Giacomo Puccini protested vehemently yesterday over an epic production for Italian television based on the life of her grandfather which she called "a gravely damaging interpretation of his character".

Simonetta Puccini accused the state network, RAI, of portraying her grandfather as an unrepentant womaniser and whoremonger in the series on his life entitled *La famiglia Ricordi (The Family Memories)* directed by Mauro Bolognini. The first part of the series about the 19th century composer was broadcast to millions on Sunday night during prime time television.

Signora Puccini, the only daughter of the composer's son, accused Signor Bolognini of depicting the author of such works as *La Bohème* and *Tosca* as "miserably reduced to an accumulated convulsion of sentimental adventures".

Signora Puccini, president of the Institute of Puccinian Studies, has long fought to protect the image of her grandfather, said she was presenting a writ against RAI to a civil court in Rome "to protect the historical truth of the fame and the identity of Puccini".

"The anecdotal biography illustrated in the screenplay is a list of inventions," she added. Puccini, who died in 1924, emerged from the television series as "the most vulgar of womanisers, a real and proper whoremonger in a tale where the word *puttane* (prostitute) is abused beyond any limit of tolerability".

She also accused the television director of gross inaccuracy in his account of the Italian composer's life. The series included "glamorous historical falsehoods".

Signora Puccini cited the episode in which Giacomo says goodbye to his wife, Elvira, at Milan railway station, who tells him, "You are making me return to Lucca because you want to take to bed your prostitutes." Then Giacomo meets Corinna, his mistress, at the station. She tells the composer: "I wanted to meet your wife and now I have seen her."

In reality Corinna, known at the time as "the woman from Turin", not only never knew Elvira but had her first meeting with Puccini ten years after the episode recounted in the screenplay, Signora Puccini said. Her grandfather's affair with Corinna "lasted only three years", while the television serial suggested it was a lifelong love.

Defiant Krenz faces his accusers

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

THE Berlin prosecutor yesterday formally accused Egon Krenz, the former East German Communist Party boss, and six of his Politburo colleagues of complicity in the manslaughter of East Germans who tried to flee across the barbed wire and minefields of the communist frontier.

The bulky 57-year-old Herr Krenz was named party leader and head of state after the removal of Erich Honecker in October 1989, just a few days before the Berlin Wall was opened. Honecker died last May in Chile. Herr Krenz said that he was outraged by the charges, which will be submitted first to a court and then, after gaining some precision, will be relayed to the seven defendants. "A total falsification of history, aimed at robbing the dignity of former citizens of the German Democratic Republic," said Herr Krenz, who denies the right of a German court to judge the politics of the defunct East German state.

The prosecutor has taken three years to prepare the 1,600-page indictment and seems well aware of the potential legal pitfalls. It would be difficult, on the basis of the available documents, to prove that the Politburo explicitly ordered a shoot-to-kill policy on the East-West German border. But an earlier trial of members of the East German National Security Council confirmed that all critical decisions were taken by the Politburo. At the very least therefore, the Politburo must have tolerated the brutality of the border incidents in which about 700 people died during the Cold War years.

That appears to be enough to frame an indictment against Herr Krenz and six other surviving members of the Politburo including Kurt Hager, 82, the ideologue, and Harry Tisch, the former union boss, who was sentenced in July 1991 to 18 months' jail for stealing union funds to pay for his holiday home. Whether the trial will ever take place is a matter of considerable uncertainty. Two defendants are in their eighties and defence lawyers will be able to claim ill health for many of those charged.

If it comes to a trial, it will be above all a settling of political scores with Herr Krenz. Herr Krenz sees himself as the man who took the big historical risk of punching a hole in the Berlin Wall in November 1989. He certainly does not regard himself as a political criminal and is prepared to fight hard on the issue both in and outside the courtroom.

California deluged by new floods

Forestville, California: Rivers flooded yesterday in northern California, forcing several hundred people from their homes as Pacific storms deluged the region.

Rainfall eased during the day, however, allowing the cancellation of some flood warnings. More storms are expected later this week, the National Weather Service said.

The Russian River reached 45 feet at Guerneville, about 60 miles northwest of San Francisco. The Petaluma River also was near flooding stage and the Napa River topped its 25ft flood stage.

Bail denied

Zomba: Police in Malawi clashed with demonstrators after a court rejected bail for the former President, Hastings Banda. He is under house arrest, though charged with murder. *(Reuter)*

Timor talks

Geneva: Indonesia and Portugal agreed to the start of talks between East Timorese factions under United Nations auspices as pressure intensified to find a settlement on the territory's future.

Theatre opens

Paris: The Comédie-Française, the 17th-century theatre home of Molière, is to re-open this week after eight months of renovation work on the façade and auditorium, officials said. *(AFP)*

Abortion move

Brookline, Massachusetts: The man accused of attacking two abortion clinics, killing two women and injuring five people, was denied bail. John Salvi pleaded not guilty to seven charges. *(AP)*

Women judges

Brussels: Virpi Tiili, of Finland, and Pernilla Lindh, of Sweden, have become the first women to be named to the European Union's Court of Justice. *(Reuter)*

New-look Le Monde aims to revive flagging fortunes

BY CHARLES BREMNER

AFTER half a century as the daily bible of thinking France, *Le Monde* unveiled a new look yesterday aimed at winning readers from the zapping generation while saving its intellectual soul in a battle for survival.

At first glance, the nouveau *Monde* contained little to shock the technocrat and cerebral classes who remain loyal to a newspaper that has long prided itself on its grey make-up and ponderous tone. Pictures are still banned from the news pages and the only obvious novelty is a cleaner lay-out. In an all-too-familiar ploy, a third of the front page was taken up with a long-winded essay by Jacques Chirac, the Gaullist leader and underdog candidate for the presidency.

However, in an act that is being treated like a revolution, Jean-Marie Colombani, the editor-in-chief, has set out to "change the world" by shifting the emphasis from French and foreign politics towards more human interest and business coverage.

"We are turning the page on the post-war years," M Colombani said. "The whole universe … is being rebuilt, so we have to arm ourselves intellectually for this change."

The editorial said: "In a time when information in real time is invading the media, we had to prove anew the irreplaceable dimension of the written word."

One of Europe's quirkiest organs, *Le Monde* is suffering from the same ills threatening France's only two other quality national dailies — fleeing readers, declining advertising, and soaring costs. The left-leaning *Libération* is struggling to succeed with an expensive, "reader-friendly" remake, launched last year and designed for the shorter attention-span. *Le Figaro*, the Gaullist supporter and voice of conservative France, owned by Robert Hersant, the press magnate, is expected to follow suit soon. The French "qualities", the most expensive in Europe, sell under a million copies a day, compared with 2.5 million by Britain's equivalent.

Restyled front page: more human interest

With a daily circulation of 351,000 and a net loss last year estimated at 20 million francs (£2.3 million), *Le Monde* has a tough task to win new readers because it is so unashamedly aimed at the elite. This has been its market since it was founded in December 1944 by the late Hubert Beuve-Méry.

Beuve-Méry preached the spirit of monastic rigour and independence, ordering his journalists to "write boring" and telling them they should expect the incomes of clerics. He also bequeathed control to the editorial staff, which held a majority and then a blocking minority share. The tradition is now threatened in an operation to inject new capital from the business world.

Although *Le Monde*, an afternoon newspaper, has its sprightly writers, its style can sometimes make the *Financial Times* seem like *The Sun*.

Belgrade held Bosnian Serb spokesman

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

JOVAN ZAMETICA, the chief spokesman for the Bosnian Serbs, was seized by Serbian authorities when he flew into Belgrade from London, it emerged yesterday. Mr Zametica, who was educated at Cambridge and taught history at Marlborough College, was held for 26 hours before being sent back to Britain where he had been on a private visit.

Mr Zametica, a Yugoslav citizen, was forced to appeal to Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, for help in returning to the Bosnian Serb stronghold at Pale. Dr Karadzic then contacted Yasushi Akashi, the United Nations special envoy to the former Yugoslavia, who arranged for Mr Zametica to fly on a UN plane from Ancona, Italy, to Sarajevo, according to sources in London.

He was then taken under UN escort to Pale. UN sources in Zagreb and Sarajevo said initially that they had no record that the UN helped Mr Zametica to return to the Bosnian Serb stronghold, but they eventually confirmed his flight.

It was not clear yesterday how Mr Zametica had visited Britain in view of the stiff travel curbs imposed by the UN on the Bosnian Serb leadership last September. The Bosnian Serb spokesman travels on a Yugoslav passport, according to Serb and UN sources, but a British government spokesman said he may have right of entry without a visa after spending many years in Britain as a student. There was a list of people not supposed to travel from Pale and "one would assume that he would be on it", the spokesman said, but the list had not yet been published by the UN.

Dr Srdja Trifkovic, who was the Bosnian Serb representative in Britain until Serbia sealed its border with Bosnia last year, said in London yesterday that Mr Zametica "was denied entry to the only country to which he has citizenship. It was an act of spite by the regime of Slobodan Milosevic who was trying to prove that he has truly cut ties with the Bosnian Serbs," he said.

Dr Trifkovic claimed Mr Zametica, who had been making a private visit to Britain at Christmas, was not allowed to eat or sleep while he was being held in Belgrade. However, a London-based British academic and acquaintance of Mr Zametica said the Bosnian Serb spokesman was not ill-treated.

☐ **Flights resume:** JAT, Yugoslavia's national airline, resumed flights between London and Belgrade at the weekend, nearly three months after sanctions against Yugoslavia were eased.

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Republicans table plan to enforce balanced budget

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

HOUSE Republicans began work in earnest yesterday on the single most radical measure in the their drive to end *Big Government* — an amendment to the Constitution that would compel the Administration to balance its books.

The populist measure is likely to be approved, if only because all other prescriptions for curbing America's runaway deficit have failed. But whether even Newt Gingrich and his arch-conservative cohorts would ultimately have the political courage to comply with the amendment is an open question.

The Congressional Budget Office estimates that to balance the federal budget by 2002, as the Republicans propose, would mean finding a staggering $1,200 billion (£774 billion) in savings or extra revenue over the next seven years. The entire annual federal budget is $1,500 billion.

Making that task still harder, Mr Gingrich, the new House Speaker, has ruled out further cuts in defence spending, *one of the budget's largest* components, and has promised $170 billion in tax cuts over the next five years.

Scores of cherished federal programmes would have to be eliminated or cut to the bone. Welfare and healthcare spending would be slashed. The White House warned yesterday that the amendment "could wreak enormous havoc on the economy" and many traditional government functions.

A *Washington Post* poll showed that while 80 per cent supported the abstract idea of a balanced budget amendment, that figure plummeted when respondents were told it would mean drastic reductions in spending on education or social security. Leading Democrats are naturally decrying the amendment as a unachievable gimmick, and insisting that the Republicans *say exactly how they would* balance the budget before approving it.

"Why don't we include in the Constitution the eradication of ignorance, poverty and disease," Christopher Dodd, a senior Democratic Senator, asked sarcastically.

The Republicans, equally naturally, are refusing. Dick *Armey, the House Republican* leader, has candidly acknowledged Congress would never pass the amendment if the draconian cuts required were spelt out in advance and every interest group in the country was up in arms.

Phil Gramm, the prominent conservative Senator, adamantly denied that the Republicans' refusal to say where the savings would be found meant they were not serious. "When, after my wife had turned me down twice, I got down on one knee and said 'If you'll marry me, I'll spend the rest of my life trying to make you happy", she didn't say 'Honey, how are you going to do it'. She tried to judge whether I was serious about it. Twenty-five years later, I hope she would say I was."

Many critics do in fact doubt that the Republicans would dare make the sort of *draconian cuts required, and* note that the amendment contains loopholes. It fails to say what would happen if Congress failed to balance the budget.

The balanced budget requirement could be waived by a three-fifths majority of both Houses, or in the face of an "*imminent and serious military threat*". The amendment also requires the President to *propose* a balanced budget to Congress, not the other way round, meaning he would have to take most of the heat for the cuts entailed.

The House is due to vote on the amendment on Thursday week, and the Senate shortly thereafter. With Democrats loath to be seen bucking the *public's* demand for smaller government, Republicans are confident they will get the *required two-thirds majorities* in both chambers. Thereafter, 37 of the 50 states must ratify it. President Clinton opposes the amendment but is also fearful of vetoing it.

Though the national debt has now reached $3,600 billion, requiring interest payments of $235 billion a year, economists are divided on the wisdom of mandating a balanced budget. Spending cuts on the scale required could stall America's economic recovery, while deficit financing helps mitigate the effects of recessions.

Iran suit fails

Washington: The Supreme Court yesterday let stand the dismissal of a lawsuit against Iran by two Americans held hostage in Lebanon by Islamic fundamentalists. The lawsuit, seeking $600 million (£390 million) in damages, was filed in 1992 by David Jacobson and Joseph Cicippio. *(Reuter)*

Frank Bridges at a preliminary hearing in Riverside, California. He gave his new step-daughter the HIV virus

Wife of rapist faces sentence

FROM GILES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

A *LOS* ANGELES woman convicted of child endangerment is to be sentenced today for failing to prevent her new *husband from raping her seven-year-old* daughter three hours after their wedding.

The 38-year-old probation officer with a degree in special education did not notice her husband lure the girl upstairs to their bedroom during their wedding reception last year.

The husband, who had taken crack cocaine at the time and had full-blown Aids, locked the bedroom door and raped the girl, infecting her with the HIV virus. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 38 years imprisonment last year.

This particularly tragic case has outraged one of Los Angeles's most violent and drug-infested neighbourhoods and polarised debate on parental negligence. The defendant, whose name has not been released, continues to protest her innocence. She claims to have been "addicted" to trying to help her husband, 44-year-old *Frank Cisco Bridges. Bridges was report*edly already high on crack during the wedding ceremony last January.

Guests saw him picking his teeth with one of the priest's sermon cards and later, urinating on a potted plant. During the rape,the girl's ten-year-old brother heard her screaming and raised the alarm.

When Bridges refused to unlock the bedroom door, the brother called the police, but his mother can be heard on the recorded emergency call, telling him to put down the telephone before giving his address.

Bridges, a former juvenile county probation officer, ran naked from the room and was later arrested walking along a road wearing children's shoes and his wife's blouse. He made a partial confession that included delusional references to an imaginary brother who, he *said, had aroused him by raping his step*daughter first. The couple met two years ago, when both were working as group *counsellors for the San Bernadino Coun*ty Probation Department. The wife, who faces up to seven years in jail, knew Bridges had Aids when she decided to marry him, but said she was unaware of his crack addiction.

Married once before to an abusive alcoholic, she admitted in a recent interview that she had "obviously made poor decisions about the men that I've gotten involved with".

She said she had been a victim of "co-dependency", and added: "I felt like I could help him have a peaceful life before he died."

New York cops told to arrest unhealthy lifestyle

FROM TOM RHODES IN NEW YORK

THE greatest enemy of the New York Police Department is no longer the murderer or the robber — but the jam doughnut, the bagel and the Danish pastry.

As many as 7,000 of the blue-clad officers, almost a *quarter of the force*, are so out of shape they cannot pound their beats or carry out regular duties.

Fatty foods combined with sedentary lifestyles and high levels of stress have produced a police department where, according to officials, many are unable even to pull the triggers of their revolvers.

In a recent video, *William Bratton*, the police commissioner, was appalled to see that none of those being filmed could clamber over a 5ft wall. He is reinstating fitness tests for recruits.

It is thought that about 4,000 unfit officers should never have been allowed through the *Police* Academy. They joined between 1986 and 1994, when fitness *requirements* were almost non-existent. The others, it seems, were in *reasonable health when* they enrolled but have spent too long loitering at the late-night hot-dog stand.

Up until about nine years ago the department's training programme required a level of fitness that deterred many from contemplating life on the beat and attracted a number of recruits with military experience. The department abandoned its "physical" in 1986 in an effort to broaden the recruitment base and it dropped its agility test.

Although New York's force is considered among the country's least fit, a recent survey has shown that obesity is by no means limited to the Big Apple. A nationwide physical course pitting policemen against firemen and convicts awarded first prize to the prisoners, *second to* the firemen, with the cops a sorry third.

Mr Bratton has ordered all fat recruits to report to hospital for screening and has devised a test measuring body fat versus muscle tissue, aerobic stamina and trigger-pulling capabilities. There is little, however, that the commissioner can do to ensure fitness among staff once they have left the academy.

Gingrich hires personal 'chronicler'

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

Gingrich: attacked for his 'poor judgment'

NEWT GINGRICH is so convinced he will make history as *the* new Republican Speaker that he has employed a personal "chronicler" to follow his progress from day to day.

He has also appointed an outspoken political ally as the House of Representatives historian. Democrats denounced the move for turning the neutral role into an instrument for *Mr Gingrich's self-aggrandisement.*

The two jobs will be held by a *husband-and-wife team* of political science professors from Mr Gingrich's home state of Georgia. The chronicler will be Robert Jeffrey while his wife, Christina, will be the historian. No former Speaker has ever had his own chronicler but, according to Mrs Jeffrey, Mr Gingrich wants to record the revolution he is leading in the same detail that academics traced the upheaval of the New Deal by President Roosevelt.

She said her husband would work without pay, while she will receive $85,000 (£54,800). "They're getting two academ*ics for the price of one,*" *she* said.

This apparent bargain did *not silence the critics* yesterday, especially as the former House historian was sacked by the Republicans before Christmas in what was described as an economy move. It is now clear he was dismissed after 12 years to make way for the Jeffreys.

Mrs Jeffrey insisted that she would run the office in a bipartisan manner, but Thomas Mann, a congressional scholar at the Bookings Institution, said the Jeffreys team raised questions of a Gingrich "machine" being lodged in the House. Barney Frank, a House Democrat, said the *appointment of Mrs Jeffrey* was "tacky" and David Bonior, the House Democratic whip, complained of Mr Gingrich's "poor judgment".

The dispute surfaced after a row about Mr Gingrich's $4.5 million book deal died down when he agreed to advance royalties of only one dollar.

Governor orders games to be wiped off Virginia computers

BY IAN BRODIE

THOUSANDS of computer workers in Virginia faced a future bereft of their favourite games yesterday.

George Allen, the state Governor, lost patience with state employees playing *on-screen* patience. He sank Minesweeper, a logic game similar *to Battleships and he had no* compassion for a game called Hearts. The three games, installed automatically on many new computers, were erased from state-owned machines on Mr Allen's orders.

An official memorandum said: "They are non-productive and non-efficient. Time spent by employees playing such games should be considered an improper use of taxpayers' funds."

Some who had found the games addictive were relieved. *Others were suffering from* withdrawal, especially during lunch and coffee breaks. There *were some who were put out.*

"What's next?" asked Robert Ake, a chemistry professor. "Will we be asked to submit a requisition every time we walk away from our desk?"

The University of Virginia has more than 6,000 computers, so officials asked staff to remove the games themselves. The Virginia ban is on an unprecedented scale, but the hidden cost of computer games is causing widespread concern.

Several firms have tried to *crack down. A survey of 1,000* corporations by a California software company found that workers spent an average of five hours a week playing on-screen games or using their computers for tasks unconnected with work, such as writing letters or balancing domestic accounts. That figure could translate into lost productivity across the US of $10 billion (£6.5 billion) a year.

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Win the trip of a lifetime to the biggest party in history

Today is day 14 of *The Times* Millennium 2000, which offers readers the opportunity to spend New Year's Eve 1999 crossing the International Dateline to both Fiji and the Cook Islands to see in the new millennium twice. First prize is a 28 day world air cruise for two culminating in New Year 1999 in Fiji and the Cook Islands to join in the festivities. The trip takes in *Dubai, Thailand,* Singapore, Tucson, Washington and Sydney. It includes helicopter sightseeing over the Fiji Islands and hot-air ballooning *over the Arizona desert, and would cost £64,000 to* book in 1999.

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Should you be unsuccessful in the competition, you can still take part in the festivities by booking the Fiji and Cook Islands trip separately or taking advantage of our selection of deluxe party venues round the world.

The parties are the brainchild of The Millennial Foundation, a non profit-making charity which is organising fundraising parties to help specific local charities across the world. In St Petersburg, for instance, the money will help restore the Hermitage gallery and fund the Kirov Ballet.

You could, for example, celebrate the new *millennium in* Rome amid the Renaissance architecture, palazzi, fountains and the Vatican. Commencing December 28 1999, you will stay at the renowned *Hotel Excelsior Rome, located on the* famous Via Veneto. The cost is £1,500 per person now or £35 per month per person for five years.

CORRECTION. ***Please note that question 11 should have read: When did*** *Mexico cede the state of California to the United States?*

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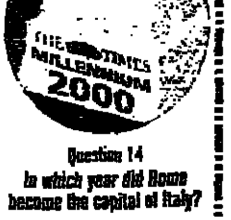

Question 14

In which year did Rome become the capital of Italy?

To enter the competition collect the 18 tokens and answer the 18 questions which are appearing between December 26 and Saturday January 14. Send the tokens and answers on a separate sheet of paper, stating in not more than 15 words why you would like to join in the *celebrations,* to: *The Times* Millennium 2000 Competition, 5 Brittons *Court, London EC88 6NG.* Closing date January 31, 1995. Normal *Times* competition Rules apply.

Details of how to book the millennium gala parties, which appeared last week, will appear again on Saturday.

Further information about the parties can be obtained by writing to: Millennium 2000 Ltd, Freepost GW 7623, Glasgow G3 7BR.

Paranoia boosts US gadget sales

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

IF THE makers of personal security gadgets have their way, the average American will soon leave home equipped like a secret agent.

New high-tech personal security products are bursting on to the market as Americans take fright at the high level of crime and entrepreneurs compete to take advantage of a sales boom worth $1.5 billion *(£1 billion) a year.*

The Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas features dozens of devices designed to protect life, limb and limousine. The hand-held Air Taser, for instance, shoots barbed arrows that hook into an attacker's clothing up to 15 feet away and stun the aggressor senseless for 30 seconds with an electronic signal that blocks neuromuscular control but does no lasting damage.

The device costs $249 but is banned in seven states. To *allay police concern that it* could be used by criminals instead of law-abiding citi*zens, Air* Taser scatters "microdots" with tiny identification markings every time it *is fired so that the user can be* traced.

Those who particularly fear being *forced out of their* vehicles at gunpoint in a "carjacking" can avail themselves of a *system called Wizard* Plus, for only $495. The system is activated as soon the car *is started by anyone who is not* carrying the palm-size device, which identifies the proper owner. *Once the car is a safe* distance away, the vehicle slowly comes to a halt, locks *all the doors and windows* and starts flashing its lights and honking its horn.

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One in 12 British women gets breast cancer compared to only one in 50 in Japan. Why should this be?

Scourge of women in the West

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh on lifestyles that increase a woman's risk of breast cancer

The lifetime risk of breast cancer for British women is one in twelve. Longer life expectancy and rising incidence will increase that figure to one in nine by the turn of the century. In parts of America, notably among white women in the San Francisco Bay area, it is one in seven. In China and Japan it is less than one in 50.

Japanese women who emigrate to the US retain their low risk for a generation, but their daughters and granddaughters will eventually become as susceptible to the disease as the indigenous population, even if they marry ethnic Japanese men. Breast-cancer rates in Japan have risen sharply in areas which became "Westernised" soon after the Second World War.

What is it about our Western lifestyle that predisposes to breast cancer? Epidemiological studies have generally expressed the results in terms of the "relative risk" associated with a particular ethnic or socio-cultural difference. If one group of women — for example, those who delay childbearing until their thirties — has twice the incidence of breast cancer of another group — for example, those who have their first child before age 20 — the relative risk associated with delayed childbearing is said be 2.0.

Early onset of periods has a relative risk of 3.0 compared with late onset — women who went through menarche at 10 have three times the breast cancer risk of those who did so at 15 — and multiparity has a relative risk of 0.75 (women with more than three full-term pregnancies have only 75 per cent the risk of childless women). Early menopause considerably reduces the risk of breast cancer — relative risk of menopause at 45 is 0.5 and at 35 is 0.3 compared with menopause at 55.

These well-established reproductive risk factors do not fully account for the sixfold difference in incidence between Eastern and Western cultures. However, the abrupt fall in the Japanese birthrate between 1945 and 1950 was thought to underlie Japan's increase in breast cancer rates 15 years later, and delayed menarche in China (average age 17) and Japan (15.4) compared with the UK (12.8) may explain up to 40 per cent of the difference in today's figures.

Most breast tumours are strongly influenced by the female sex hormone, oestrogen. Oestrogen is known to increase the risk of cancer of the endometrium (lining of the womb) if given in the absence of another hormone, progesterone, but the risk of breast cancer appears to depend on the combined influence of oestrogen and progesterone. These hormones are thought to sensitise the cells of the breast to stimulation by tumour growth factors, such as insulin-like growth factor 1 (IGF-1) particularly in women with a genetic susceptibility to breast cancer.

The strikingly high risk associated with early menarche has prompted the theory that the hormonal environment of the adolescent breast sows the seeds for subsequent cancerous change. It is thought that the total number of menstrual cycles between menarche and first pregnancy largely determines a woman's lifetime risk of the condition, and that early pregnancy may interrupt some adverse hormonal influence on the still-maturing breast.

Artificial oestrogens and progestogens might be expected to alter the risk of breast cancer. The combined oral contraceptive pill is taken at some time by 95 per cent of women in Europe and North America, but it is not commercially available in Japan and is used by less than 1 per cent of women there. Epidemiological evidence does suggest an adverse effect of the Pill on breast cancer risk (relative risk estimates vary between 1.1 and 1.4, depending on the study), but the excess is confined to women who take the Pill for a prolonged period before their first pregnancy. Contrast this with the substantially reduced risk of cancer of the ovary in Pill takers (the overall excess cancer risk associated with the Pill is zero) and with the protection against breast cancer conferred by breast-feeding (relative risk 0.8) — a practice twice as common in Japan as in Britain or America.

Japanese women are also spared the steep rise in incidence which occurs in Western women after the menopause. The use of hormone replacement therapy (HRT) is more widespread in the West than in Japan, and older women with breast cancer are more likely to have taken HRT in the past than age-matched women without cancer. The relative risk attributable to HRT is between 1.1 and 1.4, but in women with a strong family history of the disease, it is 3.4. For this reason, all women on HRT, and particularly those whose mother or sisters have had breast cancer, should have a regular breast examination, and a mammogram every three years.

More than 30 separate studies have shown a positive association between alcohol and breast-cancer risk. Unlike the relationship with heart disease, in which a modest alcohol intake appears to protect against the condition, the risk of breast cancer rises incrementally with the amount of alcohol consumed (about a 25 per cent increase with every two drinks per day).

There may also be a window of vulnerability effect, with alcohol intake before the age of 30 influencing the risk of breast cancer several decades later. Some epidemiologists recommend a drink a day for women with a strong family history of heart disease, but abstinence for those whose mother or sisters have had breast cancer at an early age. Alcohol is thought to increase blood oestrogen levels. Japanese women drink about three-quarters as much alcohol as their Western contemporaries, but the gap is narrowing.

In terms of health risk, the most widely cited difference between Eastern and Western cultures is diet. The fat content of the Japanese diet is so low that a British or American "low fat" diet contains more fat than a Japanese high-fat diet, and the fat in Japanese food is almost entirely polyunsaturated or heart-friendly. In animal studies, susceptible rats fed on a high-calorie, high-fat diet develop breast cancer; the risk of cancer is also increased (though not as markedly) if the high calorie intake is derived from polyunsaturated fat or from carbohydrate.

These findings, however, may not apply to humans. Two large US studies — in which 95,000 women recorded the foods they ate and were followed up until some of them developed cancer — showed no relationship between fat intake and breast-cancer risk, and, if anything, a protective effect from saturated fat. Cynics have suggested that women find it easier to lie about their food intake than caged rats.

A statistical overview of trials from around the world puts the relative risk of breast cancer with a high-fat diet at 1.4 (ie, 40 per cent higher) compared with a low-fat diet. Total fibre intake and vitamins C and E all seem to have a small protective effect. Vitamin A, once said to halve the risk of breast cancer, is now thought to have no influence either way. Official dietary guidelines remain guarded: plenty of fruit and vegetables are recommended, but although it is undoubtedly inadvisable to *be* fat, breast cancer may not result directly from *eating* fats.

Obesity is a recognised association with breast cancer, but specialists are divided as to whether the main risk factor is a woman's total calorie, total fat, or percentage saturated fat intake, her body size or shape, the rate of her gain in weight, or some metabolic or hormonal link with high body mass.

One unifying hypothesis which explains many of the West's "diseases of affluence" such as coronary heart disease and diabetes, and which may have a bearing on breast cancer risk, is the notion of insulin resistance. Resistance of certain body cells to the action of insulin is associated with high blood insulin levels (hyperinsulinaemia), a strong tendency to obesity, and increased risk of coronary heart disease and diabetes. Hyperinsulinaemia and abdominal-type obesity have both recently been identified as independent risk factors for breast cancer.

People who tend to put on weight round their middles ("apples") are at greater risk of hyperinsulinaemia than those who gain on the hips and thighs ("pears"). Apple-shaped or abdominal obesity occurs when a person lacks the capacity to store fat evenly, and hence may be a reflection of poor nutrition in infancy. Hyperinsulinaemia, coronary heart disease and adult-onset diabetes are all more common in people who were small at birth, showed poor weight gain in infancy, and became obese as adults.

Japanese people on a traditional Japanese diet have low blood insulin levels and a low risk of obesity, coronary heart disease and diabetes. But the prevalence of these conditions, like breast cancer, is rising rapidly with the introduction of Western lifestyles and eating patterns. Exercise, whose protective role against coronary disease and diabetes is mediated predominantly via a reduction in insulin resistance, also lowers the risk of breast cancer.

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- Early menarche
- Late pregnancy
- No children
- The Pill
- Not breast feeding
- Late menopause
- HRT
- Obesity
- High fat diet
- Alcohol
- Family history

Why should high blood insulin levels predispose to breast cancer? Recent articles by Dr Basil Stoll and colleagues in the *British Journal of Cancer* and *Acta Oncologica* suggest that the answer may lie in insulin's effect on other hormones in the body. High blood insulin levels in abdominally obese women are associated with lower levels of the protein (sex hormone binding globulin, SHBG) which mops up excess oestrogen and testosterone in the bloodstream, leading to increased levels of these hormones in circulation and a decreased ratio of oestrogen to testosterone. Insulin also increases production of the tumour growth factor IGF-1 and the protein which binds it to breast tissue.

Early menarche is often associated with abdominal-type obesity in childhood, and with an earlier and more pronounced adolescent growth spurt. Research has shown that overweight girls who enter menarche before the age of 12 may already display insulin resistance, high blood insulin levels, high circulating oestrogen levels, and a low oestrogen-testosterone ratio.

All these abnormalities may, in turn, be caused by high levels of pituitary growth hormone. Obesity *per se* has not been shown to be a risk factor for breast cancer in premenopausal women, but the abnormal hormonal profile that often accompanies abdominal-type obesity has.

Differences in blood insulin levels between traditional Japanese, Japanese-American and white American adults relate closely to differences in diet, with high intakes of saturated fat and refined sugar, and low intakes of fibre and vegetables, associated with higher insulin levels. Ethnic differences in insulin levels of pre-adolescents probably also reflect dietary differences. The theory that diet-induced hyperinsulinaemia provides the link between early menarche and increased breast cancer risk is still unproven, but further research may show that the Westernisation of their diet is gradually raising the lifetime risk of breast cancer in Oriental teenagers to that of their Occidental neighbours.

Dr Stoll, whose book, *Reducing Breast Cancer Risk in Women* (Kluwer Publications) intended for use by GPs and women's health advisers, is published next month, says: "Many women have a distorted view of their own risk of breast cancer, often based on an irrelevant family history such as a grandmother with lung cancer. Given the vast amount of epidemiological knowledge available, doctors should now be in a position to help women assess fairly accurately their risk of this condition and advise them on what they can do to alter it."

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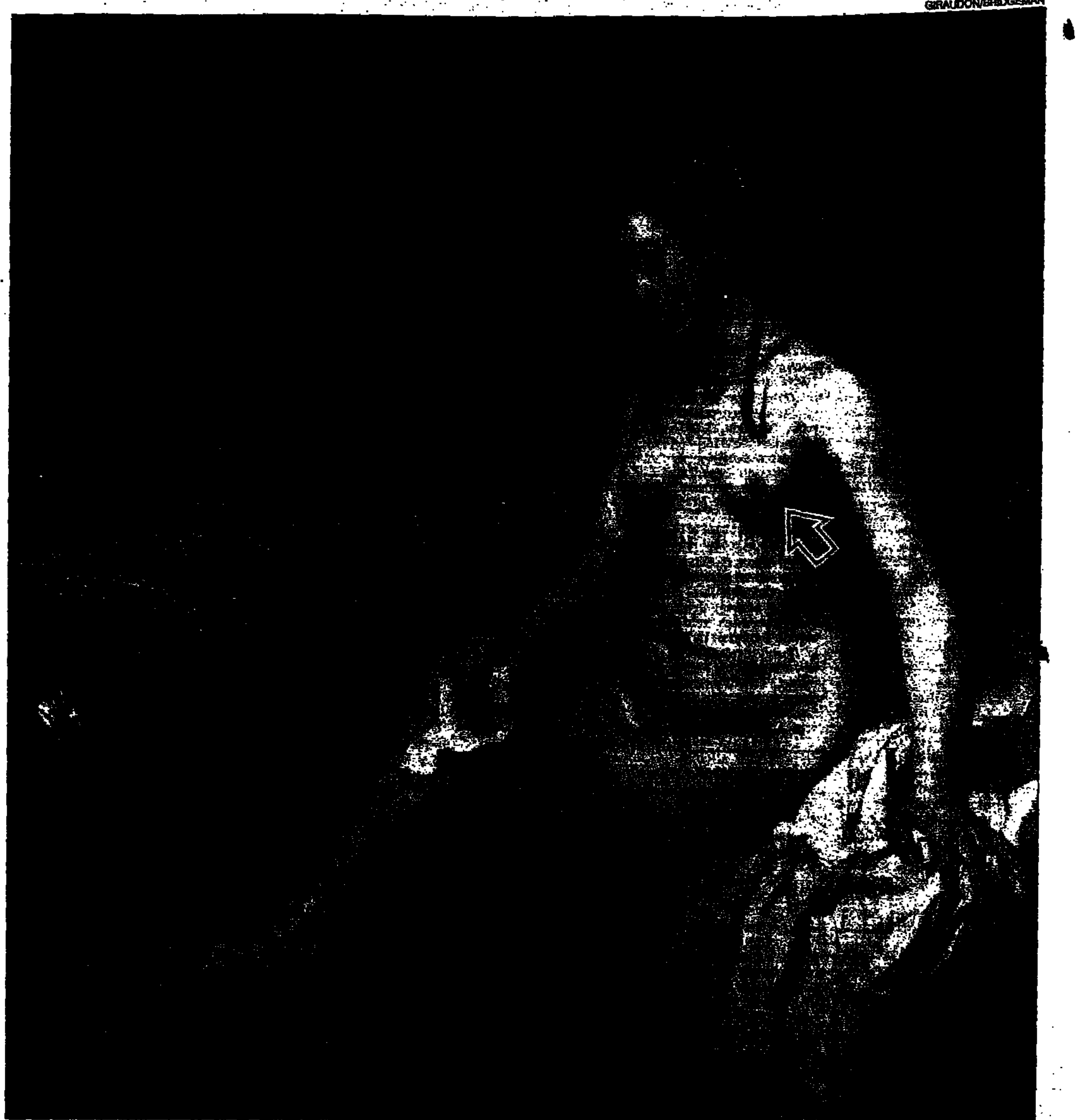

Rembrandt's model for *Bathsheba Bathing* has a dark shadow on her left breast (see arrow) that some doctors believe shows a malignant disease

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Dr Kieran Sweeney reports new hope for a much-maligned group of chronic pain sufferers

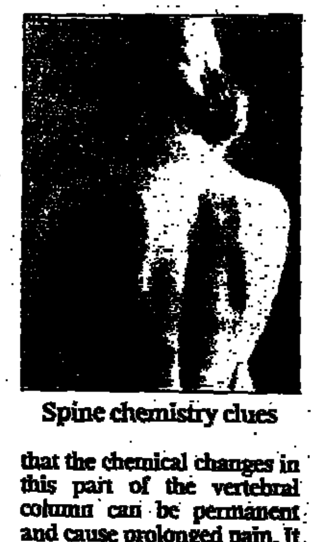
Back pain that stems from the brain

More than half of the adult population complains of back pain at some time. Most of these are simple acute episodes which settle within a week or ten days, but some go on for longer. Occasionally those with prolonged pain will have an easily identified cause, such as a slipped disc. But there is a group of people with chronic back pain for whom there is the added frustration of sensing that doctors or nurses may not fully believe how bad their condition is.

Some patients with chronic back pain will complain of severe and widespread pain, which doctors sometimes find difficult to interpret. In some cases the doctors may begin to suspect that the patient is malingering and does not have a real basis for the pain.

But research into the mechanisms underlying back pain, reported recently in the *British Medical Journal* by Professor Malcolm Jason of Manchester University, suggests that the origin of this type of chronic back pain may be in the brain or the brain stem, rather than in the spinal cord.

Part of the problem in assessing patients with chronic back pain is the poor correlation between the pain and X-rays, and even MRI scans. New research is suggesting that nerve injuries in the spinal column, caused for example by pressure from osteoarthritis, or by inflammation, may be due to chemical changes in the spinal cord itself, in an area known as the dorsal horn, where the motor neurons, which control muscle activity, are found.



Spine chemistry clues

Researchers now think that the chemical changes in this part of the vertebral column can be permanent and cause prolonged pain. It is also theoretically possible that these chemical changes could spread away from the area which was initially affected, for example in an accident. This would tie in with the diffuse symptoms that some patients with chronic back pain describe, and which doctors frequently find difficult to analyse. It may also help to explain why patients complain that the pain in their backs is worse when pressure is placed on their shoulder — a test doctors sometimes use to confirm that the pain isn't real.

Many patients with chronic back pain will tell you that when they are under stress, the pain is worse. This model of chemical changes in the dorsal horn of the spinal column could explain this too: descending impulses from the brain could reach lower areas of the dorsal horn in the spinal column, causing the patient to experience pain at those lower levels. From anaesthetics, we know that patients who are given strong analgesics which act on the brain's pain relief centres before an operation complain less of pain and sensitive wounds afterwards. This suggests a mechanism for helping this group of patients.

There is an analogy with the so-called atypical facial pain, where patients with no measurable disease in their face will complain bitterly of pains in the face. Research shortly to be published shows that this pain is real, with identifiable changes in the brain's activity. If the same mechanism can be demonstrated in low back pain, it is possible that the group of drugs used for atypical facial pains might help these long-suffering and poorly understood patients.

● *Dr Sweeney is a GP in Exeter*

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Bernard Levin on how Peter Cook made him laugh so loudly that he was nearly invited to leave

The man who feared the laughter would dry up

PETER Cook, who *died* yesterday, was the complete funny man: note that there is no hyphen between funny and man. Cook was an entertainer (indeed, that is what he called himself for *Who's Who*), but he also had the lineaments of the funny man who is tormented beneath the laughter. Cook tormented? *Cook?* Yes, and not only in his last years, which were lived in a haze.

Pete (it was difficult to call him anything else) was one quarter of *the famous four that gave us Beyond the Fringe*, and were catapulted into fame with it. And indeed, the fame was real: Dudley Moore broadened his humour and found success in Hollywood; Alan Bennett became a playwright of considerable quality; Jonathan Miller became practically everything you can think of from lecturing on medicine to staging operas.

And Pete? It is much too facile to say that the other three had abiding talent but Pete had only the laughter of the hour. But what is certainly true is that Pete, as he saw his three coevals going out into fame and fortune, felt a fear that I believe never left him — a fear that one day the stream would dry up for ever.

Stop for a moment and be *amazed. He was enormously successful* on radio — not only with Dudley Moore — indeed, he made figures such as E.L. Wisty so real that half the nation was certain that they existed, and as for Wisty, the man who wanders about in a dirty *raincoat muttering about Spotty* Muldoon, it was difficult *not* to believe that his characters were real. When he did commercials they were so delightful that nobody would believe he was doing it for money, which is true: he was not broke, but he needed to keep his hand in — or rather he didn't need to keep his hand in: but he convinced himself that he had to. He played in many films; not just in tiny parts: *he was, for a very long* time, one of the stalwarts of *Private Eye*. And he was a genuinely funny man: whenever I met him his talk was shot through with laughter — for both of us — and I would go away feeling refreshed, hoping that he was *doing the same.*

But the fear never left him. He was probably married three times (some say that he could never tell you the number himself), but the loyalty his ladies showed him was a sign that he was by no means the fly-by-night that he seemed.

And he wasn't. I knew him enough to know that, and (I wish the damned word had never been invented, so worn it is) Pete had in him real genius. Try this, from an interview — it was entirely spontaneous from begin*ning to end and was poured out* without pause:

Peter Cook: a genius without malice, envy or untruth

"Did you know that I am the long-lost son of Elvis Presley — by Gracie Fields? Otherwise why should he have called his Memphis home Gracelands? Yes. Gracie was my *mother. She still guides me by* psychic messages.

"I'm also in charge of the Archie Pitt Memorial Fund, you know, in honour of her first husband. It was he who taught her everything.

"The people of Rochdale, the ingrates, haven't raised much towards Gracie's memorial statue, have they? I've got a lot of fund-raising to do. It's a religion, you know.

"By the time I'm 50 I *should be in charge of* the world's third-largest religion, and it will be based in America. Its guidelines will be revealed to me in mid-air on my way to do *The Two of Us.*

I was intrigued to see in the State of Utah that the head of the *Unification Church of* Jayne Mansfield, in answer to questions, said: 'I would be evasive if I said that huge mammary glands were not part of our faith. Our gimmick will be large kneecaps.'"

Easy, you would say? Try it, *without* pausing, as he did. The man poured laughter as he poured drink, and that was copiously. And yet the fear would not go away. He wouldn't talk about it, that fear; indeed, it was plain to see that he had convinced himself *that it wasn't there. Towards the* end, when he was so often fuzzled by dope or booze or both, he was a sorry sight, but I can remember him, and Iwill, with laughter, always withlaughter.

Sometimes, of course, the laughter was tinged with melancholy, yet never straying from the path of laughter. Pete said: "I suppose the old days were the best for me. Dudley and I were one of the hottest comedy acts in Britain. There was fame, plenty of money and work I thoroughly enjoyed. I doubt that I will ever do anything better." But Pete had no envy in him. Listen to this: "I do not envy Dudley his success going it alone in the States. He is very talented and hardworking and deserves it. He was always more motivated than I was and liked the limelight more."

I can hear his tones clearly, and there is no resentment in them. Once, I said to him the old words: "You go up ladders; you go down snakes." He nodded, without malice, without envy, without untruth. But half a minute later he was laughing.

And how could I forget that laughter, nearly 40 years ago *now, when Pete was one of* that unforgettable foursome in *Beyond the Fringe*? I was a theatre critic in those days, and as the first night laughter-waves rose higher and higher, I was afraid that I would be drowned in my own hysteria. Only when I came to know Pete did he tell me the story of my first-night laughter at *Beyond the Fringe*. It will stand another outing.

The four players and the director had assembled an emergency meeting in the interval. Down in the stalls, I had been screaming in my mirth so loud that it was feared backstage that other patrons could not hear the players. The emergency was to decide whether to take round a note to me, asking me to laugh more quietly: the dilemma was because I might take umbrage at *such behaviour; they decided to let* me scream on, and got a rave review.

Pete had, of course, an expert ear: whenever we met he would relive my screaming, preferably on a crowded pavement. There'll be laughter in Heaven this night.

We've got monarchy in our blood

A true republican will care nothing for tittle-tattle about the Royal Family

GIVEN that in my diary in *The Times* Magazine on Saturday I lamented that the sort of people who once regarded it as blush-makingly non-U to discuss the Royal Family are now given to expanding on the subject without so much as a sense of seemly embarrassment at such vulgarian behaviour, it may appear hypocritical to embrace the subject myself so readily this morning. *Not that these observa*tions were intended to be made *de haut en bas*: the descent into the infra dig is not something from which I presume to exclude myself.

But it — this casual, well-nigh universal, net-curtainy chit-chattery — is something I try to avoid: not because I feel anxious that my putative *socio-intellectual credentials* will be thereby impugned, but because none of it has anything to do with the real, important issue. The Royal Family is not what matters: monarchy is the issue. These are two very different things.

NIGELLA LAWSON

When I read, in *the latest poll, that* 51 per cent of those questioned think that the Prince of Wales has jeopardised the monarchy, that 20 per cent feel *that the Duchess of* York is the chief culprit, that 14 per cent see the Princess of Wales as the villain of the piece, I know that the true monarchist can breathe a sigh of relief. This focus on *individuals, on personalities*, is what safeguards the system.

If you believe in the monarchy as an institution, you believe in it whatever the leanings and idiosyncracies of those born into it; if you are a republican, the nature of the people who constitute the royal family is of as little consequence to you, too.

Anyone who claims to believe in the monarchy has, in some sense, to believe in the divine right of kings. In a godless age, it could be put slightly differently, less quaintly. But what every monarchist has to endorse is what the playright David Hare calls "the notion of entitlement". If blood is what matters, then the particular person *in* whose veins that blood runs is of no consequence. To presume otherwise is simply not to understand the institution or notion of monarchy.

I find it hard that anyone *who really believes in democ*racy can also endorse a monarchy. A democracy that works has to be a meritocracy. At least, it has to set out to be a meritocracy — else why bother? Any system which decrees that blood, or less poetically, genes, are what makes someone entitled to a position of power or legally recognised superiority is surely at odds with that.

And that can be the only beef that republicans have. All the rest is gossip. Who the Prince of Wales may or may not be sleeping with and ditto *the Princess of Wales, whether* a courtier finds the Duchess of York common — these are simply diversions.

Bagehot claimed that monarchy was "intelligible government", by which he meant that people instinctively knew what it was about. "The mass of mankind understand it," he said. Certainly, it corresponds to *some deep-seated tribal* sense of what's what. But I'm not sure how much of an apologia that can be. Surely it *explains* rather than *justifies*. (Bagehot also defended the monarchy on the grounds that it prevented "the rule of wealth... the religion of gold". How so? The one power that the populace envies and admires in the Royal Family is purchasing power.) And to carry on with him: "So long," he wrote, "as the human heart *is strong and human reason* weak, royalty will be strong."

The human heart and human reason seem to be as weak as one another these days, which possibly explains that while, according to the new poll, a growing number of people profess to be unsym*pathetic to the mon*archy, most of them seem happier to be unhappy with the system than to do anything to change it.

David Hare thinks the failure to do the necessary is simply a failure of nerve, "sheer existentialist terror. The function of the Royal Family is to give this country a sense of identity. *So the terrible question arises:* if we are not defined by the Royal Family, then what the hell are we defined by?"

But it is also the case, as the predominance of the gossip-factor indicates, that we are as a people peculiarly unpolitical. Politics is seen as a corrosive element in life, a corrupt force, and boring with it. To be openly political is to be something of a trainspotter with attitude. Put your cross in the ballot box once in a while and be silent for the rest. That's the credo of the country. But not having faith in politics and politicians does have something to be said for it. Cynicism paints a picture of what is, not what we might *like it to look like.*

THE THING about being unpolitical is that the status quo somehow never feels quite as political as doing anything to change it. Illogical that may be, *but look for logic to explain* the deeds of men and women and you'll get nowhere in understanding them.

Again, there are advantages in such smudgy thinking. It is possible to grasp that a republic would be a just state of affairs and at the same time understand that the good that might accrue from the change might not be equal to the good inherent in it.

But it's not just that. Suspicion rather than hope is the national characteristic. Most people sense that turning Britain into a republic will *never turn the British into* republicans.

Eating the fatted calf

A calf in a crate: "Everybody has to die at some date," says restaurateur Albert Roux of Le Gavroche. "They should just all lead a happy life before they do."

London's top chefs tell **Julia Llewellyn Smith** why animal activists and their own moral unease can't keep veal off the menu in their restaurants

Alastair *Little*, the chef, had an uncomfortable weekend after watching television reports about William Waldegrave, the Agriculture Minister, selling calves from *his farm to the* continental veal trade. "I couldn't stop thinking about it," he says. "It made me very uneasy."

He was not the *only* one to squirm in his armchair at the images of tiny calves, taken from their mothers to spend the last six months of their lives packed into crates, where they will be denied natural *light and movement*, deprived of straw for bedding, and force-fed a liquid diet to keep their flesh iron-free and milky white.

The veal crate system has been illegal here since 1990, *but there is nothing to stop* calves being raised in crates abroad and then sold back to Britain. Most veal on sale in supermarkets comes from British calves exported to Holland.

Mr Little says that he does not serve white veal meat, but admits to serving ossobucco and calves' kidneys. "The public has a blind spot about it. They don't want to eat veal but don't seem to realise that all this comes from the same animal. Veal offal is certainly crate fed."

The problem is that veal is far more popular in France and Italy than in Britain. "They pay more for the best cuts there, which means that we are eating an animal that not only has been treated cruelly, but is of poor quality," Mr Little says.

Albert Roux, French doyen of Le Gavroche restaurant, buys *only* free-range veal: "I myself will never buy veal put into crate," he says. "I only buy an animal that is guaranteed to come from under the mother." He is still killing baby animals, however. "Everybody has to die at some date," says M Roux with equanimity. "They should just all lead a happy life before they do."

Mr Little is unconvinced by the merits of free-range veal. "I have had problems with it in the past," he says. "Often suppliers have been unreliable."

In any case, free-range veal does not *have the* bland, slightly fishy taste that customers want. "The whole point about veal is that it doesn't taste of anything," says Nigel Slater, the cookery writer. "Free-range meat's redder, the flavour's stronger and the whole thing tastes a bit like pork." Veal from free-range *calves has a slightly gelatinous* texture, and was once a common ingredient in traditional British dishes such as veal and ham pies.

Taste is one consideration, business is another. "It's diffi*cult to be politically correct* when you're buying meat and I can be a bit amoral," says Mr Little nervously. "I make desultory efforts to buy free-range pork and chicken, but if free-range is prohibitively expensive, then you can't do it."

Stephen Bull, who owns three London restaurants with a reputation for meat and offal *dishes, says that he, too*, rarely serves veal, although sweetbreads appear regularly on the menu. "We don't apply any serious criteria to veal," he says. "We buy it from very responsible *suppliers* and we do ask them where they get it from. But because we buy so little we don't actually go to the source."

'It's difficult to be politically correct when buying meat. I can be a bit amoral'

So does Mr Bull serve crate-fed veal? "Not if we can avoid it," he says. "But we have to occasionally because of the exigencies of a menu that *changes daily*. We also serve hare sometimes, which is unfortunate because it's an animal that pair-bonds and you have to take one away from its mate, or when we cook crayfish we have to throw it live into boiling water."

Many supermarkets no longer sell veal, because of lack of demand. But however *much the British public vote* with their wallets for the humane treatment of calves, the fact remains that cows can only produce milk if they are injected with chemicals or become pregnant. The latter, more palatable, option litters the fields of England with knock-kneed babies that have to be controlled *somehow*. If *no one wants them to be* slaughtered at home then they will have to be sent abroad. "If we want to drink milk and eat butter, we will have to accept that we face being overrun by calves that will eat us out of house and home," says Mr Little.

Yet despite the practicalities *of the situation, veal is still the* flesh that *many* fully-fledged carnivores shun, the meat that gets the docile folk of Shoreham baying for human blood. Why should we care more about calves than about intensively farmed pigs or battery hens? Mr Slater thinks part of it is sentimentality. "A calf is a big, fluffy animal with huge eyes," he says. "But it is also because veal farming has always attracted a lot of publicity; it was only recently that people found out what was happening to other animals."

Even Jonathan Meades, the restaurant critic of *The Times* who once said he would eat anything with the possible exception of humans, admits to a moment's misgiving when he orders veal. "I suppose one feels vaguely uneasy about it, but only very vaguely. About 0.5 per cent," he says, lighting a high-tar cigarette.

"The animal rights body is so preposterous it forces you to play devil's gastronome. The English preoccupation is crazy. I don't think there's any other country which shows this queasiness, it's a terribly British attitude. It's because Britain doesn't have any gastronomy — *the* so-called food revolution only affects 10 per cent of the population. We are a formerly Protestant country with a hangover that has never gone away. The fuss that's made over animals here compared to humans is indicative of some terrible malaise."

His unease over veal, Mr Meades adds hastily, is to do with the quality of the meat, not the treatment of the animals. "I'm not advocating gratuitous cruelty but animals don't have rights. They are not *sentient beings. I feel unhappy* about intensively farmed stuff because it tastes so dreadful. Veal in this country is insipid to the point where it's not worth eating."

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Death by political memoir

Few succeed in this form of writing, says **Roy Hattersley**

Whenever *I think of* political autobiography, *the name that* first comes into my mind is Alan Clark. I do not think about his memoirs. The Alan Clark I recall stood in the green room of the London Television Centre reading, in disbelief, Margaret Thatcher's *The Downing Street Years*.

I asked a strangely subdued Clark if he was mentioned, and, because he was slow to reply, looked up his name in *the index. There was one* reference. It was in the chapter *which described Mrs Thatch*er's bitter resignation. "Even *melodramas have intervals,* even *Macbeth* had the porter's scene. I now had a short talk with Alan Clark."

I suppose that he saw me smirking at the thought of Shakespeare's drunken porter who complained that alcohol increased desire but inhibited performance. "She wouldn't have said that," he said, still faithful to his heroine. "That's one of those young men who *work for her. Why on earth* should *she* write that?" Wheth*er he knew it or not,* he was asking the crucial question about political memoirs. Why on earth do they do it?

In many cases, the answer is money and the hope that the author can make a retrospective improvement to a battered reputation. Few — Margaret Thatcher being an exception — *make a fortune.* Fewer still enhance *their prestige. The* best — Denis Healey and Roy Jenkins — either possess a literary merit which is independent of the author's political past or (like Nigel Lawson and Geoffrey Howe) reveal something new about the age in which they shaped events. Memoirs with the secret sub-title "Vindicated At Last" are not worth reading and, as many publishers have discovered to their cost, rarely read.

It is wiser simply to judge other people's memories

Nigel Lawson's memoirs were so unpleasant about me *that I turned down an offer to* review them on the grounds that I would find it difficult to be objective. I now regret that decision. Lawson provided fascinating insights into the way the Treasury worked during the 1980s, and was just as rude about other politicians of the period as he was about me. But Barbara Castle — whose reputation is improving with the years — chose to burnish the image of saint and martyr. *Battling All The Way did more harm than good.* Michael Foot, her closest political *friend and ally, told the* party at which the book was launched: "There is much to be said in Barbara's favour, and she says it all herself."

It is not only natural modesty which has prevented me from writing about my 30 years in Parliament. Opposition is not the stuff of which autobiographies are made. "I *am half sick of shadows," said* the Lady of Shalott — and *reviewers — presented with* long accounts of life on the wrong side of the Speaker's chair — would be entitled to say the same. Until now, I have therefore thought it wiser simply to pass judgment on *other people's memories.* Even that, apparently safe if not *secure employment, has its* dangers.

In what I hoped was a generally complimentary review of Roy Jenkins's *Life at the Centre*, I included a mild rebuke. Harold Wilson, I wrote, became obsessed with the notion that Jenkins and the Jenkinsites were plotting against him. But Roy did nothing "to calm the Prime Minister's jangling nerves". *The day after my piece was* published, I received a postcard *from the great man* himself. "I cannot resist pointing out that you were always complained of as one of the foremost of the plotters, and that you figured in about half my rows with Wilson. I remember frequently urging him to deal with this fact by putting you in the Government and later promoting you — *which I thought would at least calm your jangling nerves if not his.*" The emphasis was Lord Jenkins's.

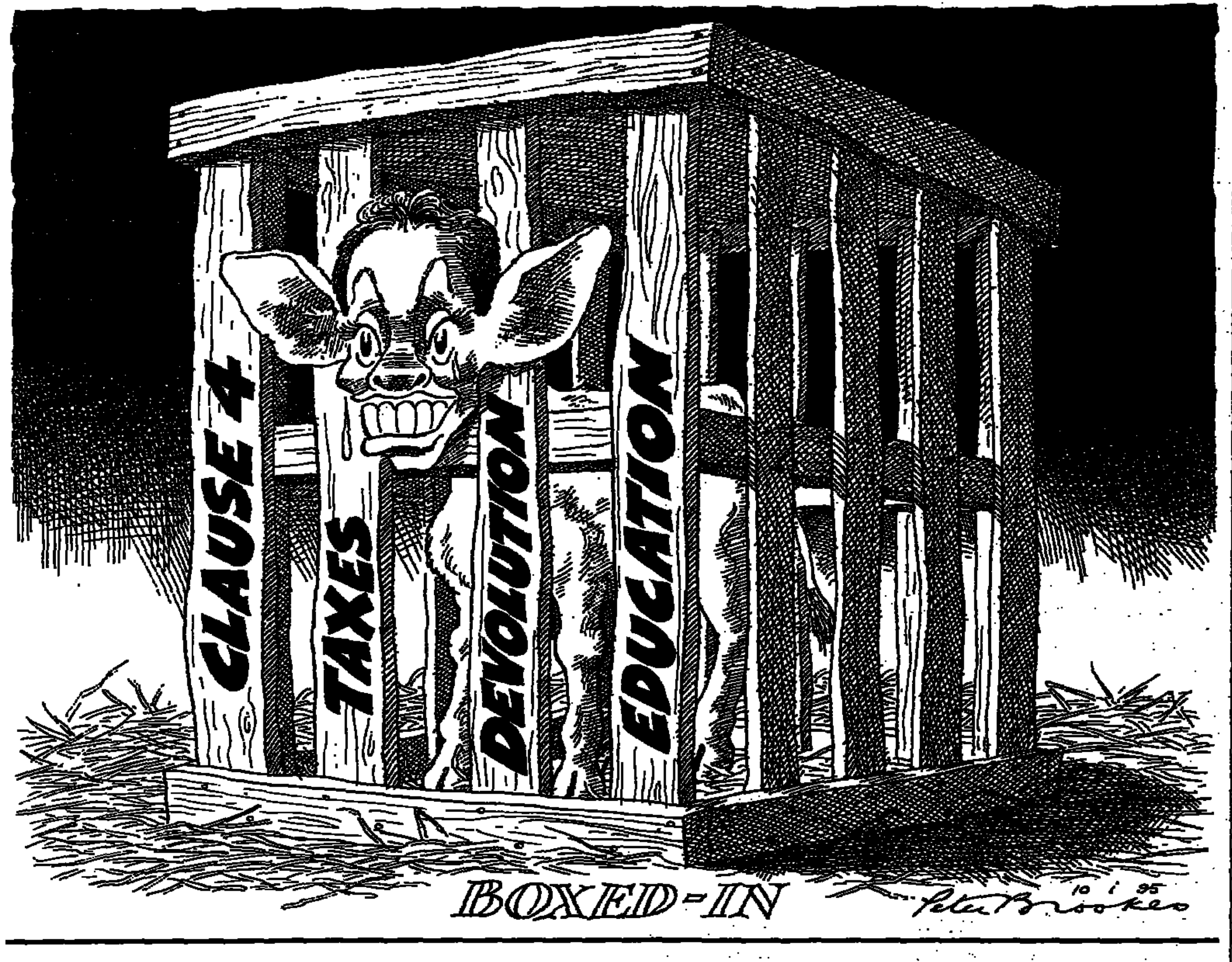
It was Lord Jenkins who said that just as John Kenneth Galbraith had identified the collapse of Union Carbide shares at the start of the great depression, it was possible to pinpoint the moment at which the bottom fell out of the political autobiography market. The turning point in the history of memoirs was the publication of *Ministers Decide* by Sir Norman Fowler.

Ironically, I *joined the Cabinet* on the day that Roy Jenkins left it in 1976, and I suppose that I could write a Gothic tragedy entitled *My Part In The Winter Of Discontent*, or produce a learned monograph which could be consulted in the British Museum under "Government and Trade Unions: Models of Intervention in Pay Bargaining No Longer In Frequent Use". But, when the BBC suggested that I record half a dozen *programmes about my life* and work, I felt certain — *having listened to most of the* Benn tapes — that I did not want to tell my Monday morning audience how important, how prescient, and, above all, how *right* I had been.

I wanted to put together half a dozen programmes called *Fun While It Lasted*. The BBC did not like that title. *Happy Warrior* was also rejected on the grounds that Wordsworth was not as *popular as he used to be and* that most listeners would *think of* Happy Wanderer *and* expect a 15-minute programme on the Vienna Boys Choir. But the content has survived.

Politics is, in its way, one of the most ridiculous of occupations. And it is about time that somebody admitted that, metaphorically at least, pants *often fall down in the White*hall farce. If you want some*thing more serious, wait for* what will undoubtedly be the *publishing scoop of 1996 — Michael Howard, The Wilderness Years.*

Roy Hattersley's radio memoirs — Who Goes Home *— are broadcast on Mondays.*



Animal liberation affront

There is murder in the minds of those who claim to be protecting livestock

Bernard Levin

I don't much like veal, except occasionally in a *Wienerschnitzel*, but I propose to eat it in huge quantities for weeks on end, starting now. The reason, of course, is that the "Animal Liberation Front" (oh *how* those spotty creatures love to give themselves big boys' names when they go out for an evening's *window-smashing!) has* pretty well taken over the real *argument.*

Not that the real argument hasn't *got its own funny side — indeed,* when that poor booby of a minister began to quack that he had no power to ban the export of farm livestock, I smelt fun — huge fun, and oh! how I was rewarded! To see the same poor booby of a minister shuffling backwards into the limelight, wishing he had never been born — and er, um, twitch, splutter — admitting that he has many fine acres on which are reared calves for slaughter in France and Belgium, I laughed so much that it gave me hiccups. Come, my readers, clear your throats, stand up, *and make the rafters ring:*

Old McWaldie had a farm, ee eye ee eye oh;
With a moo-moo here, and moo-moo there,
Here a moo, there a moo, every where a moo-moo
Old McWaldie had a farm, ee eye ee eye oh!

And even *then* the booby couldn't shut his cake-hole, and had to say "We are a family dairy and we sell our calves to market. Where they go after that is someone else's responsibility."

But now we must be serious. Many good people, *naively shocked* (what do they think they are doing when they are eating out?), went to Shoreham to stop the traffic in calves by blocking the lorries. But if you sup with the devil, you must remember to bring a long spoon. The "Animal Liberation Front" has no interest in the treatment of animals; it only wants to hurt human beings, starting with their windows. The nice ladies who went to Shoreham to save the animals would inevitably be shocked *by the window-smashers, but would* feel that at least they — the ladies — would have helped the good cause. But that is not the crux of this story: the crux is that those very ladies went to break the law. Yes, they broke the law, though gently and sweetly, but they had left the long spoon behind.

We are a lawful country; thank God. That which it is lawful to do, however repulsive it seems to others, may be done. And it should not need a thousand policemen to make that clear. If people going about their *lawful business are prevented by* force to stop them, those who did the *stopping must, in the eyes of the law,* be as criminal as were the window-smashers.

But there is yet another layer of this many-layered story to discuss, and it is perhaps the most important.

Playing God is a dangerous game. For one thing, the player runs appalling risks from a God who has pre-empted the position. And yet there are those who are willing to defy the *lightning. Would* you? I certainly *wouldn't. And even* if I dared, I would not do it in a cause so dubious, a cause showing a monumental hubris, a cause that risks the lives of others, a cause, indeed, that *wants* to put the lives of others into the hazard, and, most terribly, would rejoice if lives were taken.

What is this raving nightmare, and when will the sleeper, shuddering, wake up? Never; because he has not been asleep, and the nightmare is reality. Listen to his words:

> *We are capable of dealing with anyone. No one has died yet, but that time will come. For now we have to make their disgusting lives hell so they won't want to live.*

When I read those words, my mind flashed back — I would guess many people's would — to Jews being rounded up in the earlier days of Nazism, when it did not need much perspicacity to know that those using such language would not stop at making their victims' disgusting lives hell, but would in time extinguish those disgusting lives *altogether.*

Stop and think: what else could *those ravings mean?*

There are, of course, many organisations which are truly dedicated to the welfare of animals; two very familiar ones are the RSPCA and the Blue Cross. But it is significant that the puffed-up Animal Liberation Fronters despise the older bodies, though the peaceable organisations have helped, rescued and treated many thousands of animals and the violent ones do nothing at all in the *way of actually getting face to face* with any animal. (Cynic that I am, I *would bet that some of the Fronters* don't know the difference between a cat and a dog.)

Violence is a heady drink; it is also very addictive, and "drying out" is almost impossible. At which point I present Keith Mann, 28 years of age, exactly twice the prison sentence he has just been given by Mr Justice Mitchell for planting bombs, in the name of Animal Rights. Mann *pleaded guilty* to seven similar offences. (The judge, incidentally, might think it wise to put some stout bars across his windows, considering the shouts of "The war goes on" from Mann's backers in the court.)

Fourteen years in prison is a terrible thought at any age; at 28 it is far worse. But with these fanatics who howl for human blood and will not stop until they have slaked their thirst, what else can we do but chain them in prisons and try to believe that such severity is going to change their ways?

It was I who coined the term "Single Issue Fanatic", abbreviated *to SIF. By their singleness we know* them, but I don't know how they are to be stopped. Yet they must be stopped. They have done violence to factories and lorries that adds up to hundreds of thousands of pounds in destruction alone, but we are told that factories and lorries are not enough; they will not rest until they have killed.

Do you doubt it? Go back to their *lunatic mantra:* "We are capable of dealing with anyone. No one has died *yet, but that time* will come. *For now* we have to make their disgusting lives hell so they won't want to live". Some would say that they are just playing murder, and would shrink from the real thing. I would like to believe it, but there is too much evidence against it; in any case, there have been many incendiary actions in which human life was ignored; the incendiarists in Manchester did not examine the lorries they were firing to see if any of the drivers were sleeping in their vehicles, and the eight bombs planted near Canterbury would certainly have killed someone if they had gone off.

And if anyone is still minded to *give the incendiarists the benefit of* the doubt, he need only go through *the armoury that the police found* when they went through Mann's collection of trinkets: It included home-made explosives, boxes of firelighters, white spirit, batteries and connectors, an electronic scanner tuned to police frequencies, and a US Army technical manual on improvised explosive devices with his fingerprints on it.

"No one has died yet, but that time will come." I believe it will. For what *will stop it? It is the essence of any SIF's world that he is implacable; if it* were not so, he could be argued with. *Even if I call Oliver Cromwell to my* side and say, for the thousandth time "I beseech you, in the bowels of Christ, think it possible you may be mistaken," the SIF will ignore him, not least because most of the SIFs have never heard of Oliver Cromwell, and I dare say that a good few have never heard of Christ either.

Martyrdom? It is not for me to delve into Keith Mann's deepest feelings as he adjusts to the dreadful news that he is in prison for 14 years. His predecessor, who I think served 10 years, came out *absolutely as he went in;* whether Mann's beliefs will stand up for an *even longer time no one can say.* No doubt he is willing to pay the price of imprisonment, even long imprisonment, in the knowledge that his incarceration is, on the other side of the prison walls, bringing the victory to completion, though in fact there is no news of victory, but only the news of a few more damaged warehouses and perhaps a policeman with his arms blown off.

What a waste! And a waste, most particularly, for Keith Mann. If he *had shunned the SIF and the SIF's* enchantments he could have been: with his strength and determination, very useful in a society like ours. But he rejected the real society for the false one, and now he has none. Whatever his crimes, I pity him.

Cast-iron home loans

Mortgages should all be insured, says **Peter Lilley**

One of the great changes since the last election has been the almost universal realisation by British taxpayers that social security cannot be allowed to go on growing at a rate way above the country's ability to pay. Taxpayers are beginning to look hard at areas where the social security system is patently not giving value for money.

In the space of just 15 years we have seen the bill for mortgage interest payments to people on income support rise from £31 million to a *whacking £1.1 billion. Yet these* arrangements fail to provide help to *the many* who are not entitled to income support but who need to keep a roof over their heads at times of financial crisis.

There are many others who should not qualify for help but who arrange their affairs to ensure that they get it, even though they may occupy mansions more magnificent than the taxpayers who support them can ever dream of. Quite frankly, they are *simply ripping off the system.*

A couple of years ago Britain's *press — the highway patrol of the* taxpayers' interests — coined the *phrase "millionaire mortgagees"* to describe some blatant examples of people who should have provided for the hard times during the soft. But another group of people get far less publicity. They are the 50,000 people a year whose homes are still being repossessed, and who are beyond the reach of the income support system.

Income support is not available, for instance, to all those people who receive unemployment benefit, currently for a year, without ever qualifying for means-tested income support. It is not available to people with modest savings; or to many people with redundancy payouts; or *people with even quite small company pensions;* or with partners *working more than 16 hours* a week. It is not, and never has been, a universal benefit.

The Government's proposals will encourage comprehensive insurance cover for new mortgages. They will build on an existing and rapidly growing practice. The Abbey National says that already 40 per cent of new borrowers take out insurance; more would undoubtedly do so now but for the general belief, *however mistaken, that the State will* pay if they get into difficulty. Income *support will still* be available for those who are entitled to it, if their financial difficulties are *prolonged,* and of course mortgage interest help will be retained for those over the state pension age.

New borrowers would be asked to take out insurance to cover the first nine months' unemployment. Existing borrowers would have to finance their mortgages for only two months before receiving income support where they are entitled to it. A high proportion of people who lose their jobs do return to work within two or three months. We also propose that as soon as income support becomes *payable, it should go direct to bank or* building society, with a view to *delaying or preventing repossession.*

Some insurance policies prove *unsatisfactory. Either they do not* cover some risks or the companies take refuge in the *small print.* Assuming that income support would always rescue them, lenders and borrowers have been less concerned than they will be under the proposed arrangements about the quality of mortgage insurance. That is why the Department of Trade and Industry recently endorsed the re*vised industry code of practice.*

I shall be discussing with lenders and *insurers what additional steps* they will take to ensure that high *quality, comprehensive cover is avail*able. We will decide how best to cope with the more difficult risks, such as disability, or the breakdown of a marriage.

Contrary to the instant doom*mongers' predictions that the* insurance industry will refuse *to back anyone who is not a racing* certainty, the Association of British Insurers has already said that companies will be able to expand cover to meet the growing and changing need. Abbey National, indeed, has said that anyone who is able to obtain a loan will be able to obtain the insurance to go with it.

The cost of insurance is unlikely to inhibit new borrowers. A year's cover will probably be equivalent to less than half a per cent of the interest rate. The cost of insuring mortgages should also fall as the insurance becomes more comprehensive. At present insurance attracts the worst risks. People who feel secure in their jobs are less likely to insure.

The cost of mortgage protection has to be borne by someone. There is no logic which says that that someone should be the taxpayer. Our proposals will mean that everyone who takes out a new mortgage is properly covered against unemployment, instead of less than half as at present. They will mean fewer defaults, fewer repossessions and a healthier housing market.

Far from taking protection away, we are making it more likely that future borrowers are adequately *protected.*

The author is Secretary of State for Social Security.

Relatively vulgar

LORD CHARTERIS may yet rue his description of the Duchess of York as "vulgar, vulgar, vulgar". For I have discovered that the former private secretary to the Queen is a a blood relative of his so-called vulgarian. Sarah Margaret Ferguson and Martin Charteris are cousins through common descent from the Earl of Leicester.

Their mutual ancestor was the first earl, Thomas Coke, who died in 1842: a study of the family lineage *shows* them to be fifth cousins. Fergie is descended from *Coke through* her mother Susan Barrantes, who is a great-great-granddaughter of the second earl. Charteris is related to the Cokes on *his father's side.*

Yesterday, the noble peer was *unavailable for* comment on *his* familial affairs. But Lady Charteris *maintained that her* husband had been blissfully unaware of his blood ties. "I'm not sure he would be amused by it," *she said. "I think it's best to leave it* at that."

Easier said than done, however, according to my genealogy expert, *who has traced common blood* through other families as well. The *unlikely couple are related,* for example, through their descent *from the third Duke of Devon*shire, which makes them eighth *cousins. This will doubtless un*nerve Charteris, for the third *duke's wife, Catherine Hoskins,* was described by Horace Walpole *as "more delightfully* vulgar than one can imagine".

Worms turn

BRITAIN'S earthworms are threatened by a plague of slimy foreign beasts bent on their destruction. So concerned is the Royal Horticultural Society that it is holding a conference tomorrow to urge gardeners to adopt a stamp-to-kill policy.

The culprit is the New Zealand flatworm, which arrived in the 1950s as an egg in a seed pod from the Antipodes. It has been breeding ever since and has just been identified as a major killer of earthworms. "In some areas, earthworms have been virtually eliminated," warns Dr Brian Boag, my expert in such affairs. "This may lead to soil problems." Vigilance is demanded of gardeners, who are being asked by the RHS to flatten the flatworm on sight. For *identity purposes,* the worm is pinker and very much slimier than common earthworms, and can be found curled up under logs or *stones in a cocoon of white sticky* mucus.

Schismatics

OPPOSITION to the ordination of women has reached its zenith. Ear*ly next month, a group of Angli*cans is to form a new church by *appointing its own bishop. The* Traditional Church of England *has so far mustered the support of* 600 laymen and priests and will *meet for its first synod at a hotel in* Fareham, Hampshire. Holy Communion will be followed by earnest discussions on "clergy training".

"Our Church aims to attract all those who have been alienated *from the Church of England, not* only by women priests, but also by all that 1960s liberal theology and liturgy," says the Rev Ian Clutterbuck, a member of the new church's council. Lambeth Palace is unimpressed. "There are loads of these groups," says a spokesman. "Our big problem is that there is no copyright on the Church of England".

Cook's colours

PETER COOK will be sorely missed at White Hart Lane, where he held a season ticket to support his team Tottenham Hotspur. Not *only did he amuse those in the hos*pitality suite after matches, but he was also a favourite *in the stands.*

"He was popular with fans who were sometimes very surprised by the way he would show his support," remembers Mike Rollo, the club's commercial manager. "When we played Arsenal, he wore blue sunglasses as Spurs were attacking but red ones when Arsenal were attacking."

● *With the* QE2 *fiasco fresh in people's minds, no chances are being taken by the ferry company P&O. It has hired Princess Margaret's carpenting son Viscount Linley to mastermind the library refit for its new superliner* Oriana.

Sixth scents

THERE will be extra biscuits today for Bonzo, the German Shepherd dog which helped to capture the escaped Parkhurst arsonist Matthew Williams on the Isle of Wight. This *is not* the first of Bonzo's triumphs, however.

A year ago, aged 20 months, he was chasing villains in the New Forest. It was *the end of a late shift* when he picked up the scent. "He was dragging *me in the direction* of human prey when suddenly, he came *to an abrupt halt. In my* mind, Bonzo was close," says his handler Constable Tony Woolcock, who let him off his lead.

Bonzo bounded to a bush nearby, sniffing and gulping excitedly. Woolcock thought the dog had found the felons hiding. Instead, he had stumbled on a gas leak in the main pipeline to Lyndhurst. The gas board was delighted but the miscreants escaped.

Second triumph for Bonzo

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A NEW UNION

Scottish devolution deserves fresh thought

Constitutional change is back at the centre of British debate. The question of Scotland's future governance has been put at the heart of Tony Blair's "New Labour" agenda. Although some Conservatives want to end the argument before it begins, hoping to wrap themselves in the distinctive cloth of the Union, others recognise, rightly, that the issue cannot be brushed aside as easily as it was at the last general election.

In 1992, John Major played the Unionist card with skill and success. Yet he did so against a gathering tide of opinion and institutional change. The *prima facie* case for some form of devolution within the United Kingdom is growing stronger. Not only is there a growing emphasis in other European member states upon a "Europe of the regions": the Government itself has also done much, albeit indirectly, to encourage Scotland's devolutionary aspirations. It has declared itself open-minded about the constitutional future of Northern Ireland. Ministers have found new interest in civic politics and the loyalty that comes from local institutional identity. Yesterday, for example, Peter Lilley raised the possibility of localising the social security system. The implication of much Conservative policy and rhetoric is that devolution encourages unity. If so, many Scots have asked, why cannot there be even discussion by the Government about a new Scottish assembly?

There is a strong case to consider the arguments for and against devolution in a more detailed fashion than the High Tory position will allow. The technical as well as the theoretical problems of a Scottish assembly need to be addressed. Labour's suggestion that 50 per cent of its members would be women is perhaps not fundamental to the proposal. Certainly important, however, is the range of powers which might be devolved to such an assembly. If, as the Opposition suggests, the new parliament acquired the authority to raise additional income tax, would a separate Scottish Treasury have to be set up? If so, what would its relationship with Whitehall be? Would the Scottish Premier replace or liaise with the Secretary of State — and who would appoint him or her?

The principal anomaly raised by the proposed assembly is captured in the so-called "West Lothian question": why should a Scottish MP at Westminster have no control over issues in his own constituency which he could raise with respect to its English counterparts? This obstacle is substantial, if not insuperable. A new Scottish assembly, it could be argued, would radically alter Scotland's relationship with Westminster. There would be fewer Scottish MPs, who would accept that their role had changed and that they were acting in London somewhat more as ambassadors and somewhat less as representatives. And if English and Welsh regional assemblies followed Labour's plans for Scottish devolution, the role of all MPs would change fundamentally.

This, indeed, is the heart of the matter. The establishment of a new legislature in the United Kingdom would raise important questions about the the precise role of Parliament. Dicey, Powell and other traditional constitutionalists have argued that the unqualified power of Parliament is the essence of British identity and should not be eroded. In Dicey's words, devolution would be "a revolution far more searching than would be the abolition of the House of Lords or the transformation of our constitutional monarchy into a republic". That may overstate the case. But it is not an argument that can be dismissed out of hand. If the result were a federal Britain governed by national parliaments and regional assemblies, it would be a substantially different form of government. It may soon be time to decide how appealing the British people as a whole find that prospect.

ACTIVE CITIZENS

Britain's special constables 'walk with a purpose'

To the relief of those who live on the Isle of Wight — as well, no doubt, of the Home Secretary across the Solent — the three menacing men who escaped last Wednesday from Parkhurst prison have been recaptured by the police. After five tense days, in the course of which hundreds of officers searched for the fugitives, calm has again returned to the area. The stress which the islanders will have endured while Keith Rose, Andrew Rodger and Matthew Williams were still at large has been replaced by a powerful sense of community pride. For the police operation was a special triumph for the island's special constables.

Events on the Isle of Wight should earn timely recognition for this unsung tier of the constabulary. As our Crime Correspondent writes today, one of the escapers — Rodger, serving a life sentence for murder — was apprehended by a 54-year-old teacher of technology from the Carisbrooke High School in Newport. Teaching at school is Mike Carr's day job. In his spare time, he is a special constable, answering a Burkean call of civic duty to put something back into the community to which he belongs. Mr Carr was not alone: every single one of the island's 26 special constables participated actively in the search for the escapers.

There is a dispiriting tendency among some in our midst to mock those with a communitarian temper. But citizens who seek to improve society by their voluntary contributions of time and energy deserve no less than to be lauded as the best role-models. As individual citizens we are responsible for the wellbeing of our civic order. The Special Constabulary, of which nearly 21,000 men and women across Britain are members, is a practical example of how citizens can act in the best interests of the *civitas* to which they are bound by the principle of duty.

Michael Howard deserves the widest support in his campaign to recruit more special constables. He has set a target of 30,000 by 1996: regrettably, this represents less than a sixth of a total which served in Britain at the turn of the century. There are several reasons — and not all of them philosophical — why special constables are a valuable asset. Policing in this country suffers from two essential problems: the shortage of manpower and a weakening of the force's relationship with local communities. The recruitment of more special constables will relieve many "proper" police officers from their administrative tasks, freeing them for more pressing duties on the beat; and it will add a vital layer of local knowledge to policing practice.

Since the Special Constabulary is composed of unpaid volunteers, their recruitment places no great burden on the taxpayer. That is not all. Special constables like Mr Carr, the school teacher, bring to the job of policing certain qualities that professional police officers would find difficult to supply. They bring with them the perspective, concerns and wisdom — not to mention the detachment — of the ordinary citizen.

COOK'S BROTH

Britain says farewell to the man who scourged its follies

Peter Cook was a connoisseur of the way in which the press treats a tragic death. He recognised the silly episode that becomes a man's defining characteristic. He could doubtless have predicted that almost every obituarist this morning would find a way to use the most famous line of his great character E.J.Thribb. And he would not have wished any of us to pass the opportunity by.

So then, for the last time, farewell then, Peter Cook, the man who brought together Macmillan, old macs and Dudley Moore in a way that created a new comedy for a generation. Millions around the world — not just the magazine *Private Eye* and its poet obituarist — owe a lasting debt to the man who kept tadpoles on his bed at school, was excused National Service because of an allergy to feathers, considered a career in the Foreign Office and then, as E.L. Wisty, the cloth-cap philosopher, or the ruder half of Derek and Clive, brought to humour a spontaneity, improvisation and mimicry that outraged, lacerated and inspired.

As inevitable as his "farewell then" yesterday were the comparisons between Cook and the fellow Cambridge Footlights graduates, Dudley Moore, Jonathan Miller and Alan Bennett, who opened in the Fortune Theatre in 1961 and whose review, *Beyond the Fringe*, heralded a new golden age of satire. All three went on to greater heights in the theatre, the cinema or cultural politics. Peter Cook, the languid eccentric whose brilliant ad-libbing gave birth to sketches that fell ready-formed from his mouth, seemed left behind. Whereas in the late Sixties his influence was everywhere, more recently it has been hard to say what he did. He enjoyed an unhealthy lifestyle. He revived a few of his more manic characters in television guest appearances. He phoned up radio talk-ins as Scandinavian fishermen with complicated sex lives. He readily admitted to idleness. And he fended off, again and again, the suggestion that he envied Dudley Moore his Hollywood success — though he probably did.

Recognised by most as the most inventive of the *Fringe* four, he achieved his comic apotheosis as the other half of Pete and Dud in the television series *Not Only But Also*. But his persona as the prematurely aged bore masked a formidable comic energy. It was Peter Cook who gave satire a permanent foothold in Britain — through *Private Eye*, which he bought when its fortunes were precarious, and The Establishment, the short-lived and inimitable London club which fostered the talents of John Bird, Eleanor Bron and John Fortune. He took British humour overseas — to Australia and New Zealand, where he offended more sensitive Antipodean souls and managed, usefully, to get himself banned from the radio, and to America, where he bought an off-Broadway theatre that soon folded.

A clowning friend of John Cleese and men who brought us Monty Python, it is from Cook that all post-Pythonesque humour traces direct descent — a genre, incredibly, so saleable that British humour has proved as big an export as it was in Chaplin's day. Peter Cook had something of the Hancock in his manic mood-swings, drinking and never fully realised talent. The tragi-comic is always the most comic. For the very last time, farewell, then.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Archbishop 'sets record straight' on religion in schools

From the Archbishop of York

Sir, The interest aroused by my alleged remarks at the North of England Education Conference (reports, January 6, 7) suggests that it is time to set the record straight. In my lecture to the conference I said nothing whatever on the subject of school worship.

When reminded (at a press conference in which, to my surprise, I was questioned on that subject) of the dissatisfaction among head teachers about the present regulations, I made the commonsense reply that it would be a good idea for the Department for Education to meet them and review how their difficulties might be addressed.

The possibility that such a review might lead to a change in the regulations has, of course, to be considered, but I have not, as has been reported of me, appealed for such a change, and I was careful not to commit myself to saying any more than that a review was desirable.

I also tried to outline some realistic aims for worship in those non-church schools where there is no specific religious commitment, and suggested as a minimum:

1. The use of hymns, readings and religious symbolism with the intention of making the language of religious worship familiar to children.
2. The use of significant events in the lives of individuals, the school and the wider world as a basis for reflective attention, with the aim of grounding a rudimentary sense of prayer and worship in contexts which are real to the children concerned.
3. Occasional full acts of worship according to different traditions, if necessary with the help of local religious bodies. I would hope that schools and churches might see themselves as natural allies in making this kind of provision, whatever the religious convictions of the head teachers and their staffs.

Discussion of these matters has been dogged by a persistent confusion between religious education, which I strongly support; school assemblies, which are a useful form of community building; and school worship, which is valuable if it can be done with integrity by those involved, but may be counter-productive if that integrity is lacking and the attitude towards worship is resentful.

I hope the debate will continue with a bit more clarity about precisely what is being defended or criticised.

It is too important to be left to the politicians.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN EBOR:,
Bishopthorpe Palace,
Bishopthorpe, York.
January 9.

From the Director General of the Evangelical Alliance UK

Sir, Contrary to your leader of January 7, in which you discern "the resignation which many in the Church seem to feel about school worship", the Evangelical Alliance has been seeking to challenge the absence of performance, not the principle of acts of Christian worship.

Our suggestion, put forward in a discussion paper last month, was not for a reduction from daily to twice-weekly worship, but an increase to a recognised minimum of twice-weekly worship where this does not occur.

Gillian Shephard's reiteration (report, January 7) of the Government's commitment to a daily act of worship is laudable. The imperative now is to make this policy work in practice.

We have written to the Prime Minister offering the assistance of 5,000 evangelical churches and 700 member societies in providing practical resources, including clergy and lay people. Concerted action is required if we are to prevent the law on school worship tumbling into disrepute through non-compliance.

Yours faithfully,
CLIVE CALVER,
Director General,
Evangelical Alliance UK,
186 Kennington Park Road, SE11.
January 7.

Labour's proposals to end educational charity status

From the Headmaster of Batley Grammar School

Sir, Roy Hattersley ("But it is a class issue", January 4) uses the throw-away line, "Putting aside the fact that hardly any poor but talented pupils win places in independent schools", in a way which is a double insult to at least 45 per cent of the 586 pupils at my school.

All those pupils in this part of the West Riding conurbation are "poor" by definition as they qualify for assisted places. Our average assisted place-holder can afford less than 23 per cent of full fees, whilst 43 per cent of the group can afford no fees at all. At the same time over 96 per cent are in social groups C1, C2, D or E (compared with 83.5 per cent nationally), whilst nearly 29 per cent come from single-parent families.

This should serve to destroy the allusion to "poor", but what about "talented"? Last year pass rate at A level was 93 per cent, over 97 per cent achieved two or more A-level passes and 99 per cent achieved five or more GCSE passes at grades A to C. As a result, just under 92 per cent of our sixth-form students went on to higher education — rather different from the "less than 10 per cent" somewhat oddly quoted by Mr Hattersley.

Yours etc,
C. S. PARKER, Headmaster,
Batley Grammar School,
Carlinghow Hill,
Batley, West Yorkshire.
January 4.

From the Senior Director of Barnado's

Sir, If, as Roy Hattersley suggests, there can be no justification for using charitable status to subsidise the fees of Eton and Harrow, may we look forward to an early commitment from the Labour Party to end the burden of VAT imposed on non-maintained schools, which are for some of our neediest children? Barnardo's schools, and those of other charities, currently pay VAT for essential goods and services while local authority schools are exempt.

Yours faithfully,
ROGER SINGLETON,
Senior Director,
Barnardo's,
Tanners Lane,
Barkingside, Ilford, Essex.
January 5.

From the Headmaster of Wisbech Grammar School

Sir, Roy Hattersley's comments on Eton and Harrow will not fool the large number of parents who make huge sacrifices to send their children to a "neighbourhood" independent day school, such as this one.

For parents in some areas, only an independent school offers a school-based sixth form, with a wide choice of A levels, and the reassurance of supervision of their child's work up to the university stage.

It is the assisted places scheme which makes this opportunity available to pupils from all backgrounds; the extent of this "escape route" can be illustrated by the fact that 51 out of the 630 pupils at this school receive free school meals (parents must be on income support) and more than 90 enjoy free school transport (parents' relevant income less than £9,365 pa).

Legislation, in addition to the removal of assisted places, which adds to an independent school's costs will reduce its ability to provide assistance out of its own funds and further dilute the opportunities of the very groups which this action is supposed to help.

Yours sincerely,
R. S. REPPER,
Headmaster,
Wisbech Grammar School,
North Brink,
Wisbech, Cambridgeshire.
January 5.

From Mr G. M. Conley

Sir, Roy Hattersley's criticism of the old grammar schools for sending only 10 per cent of their pupils on to higher education is both unjust and absurd. For most youngsters then, as now, higher education was seen not as an end in itself but as a means to an end — getting a job.

In fact, most of the 90 per cent who didn't enter into higher education went into employment which offered excellent career prospects. Many of them, including myself when I left school in 1957, were then able to take degree or equivalent professional courses on a day-release basis. By Mr Hattersley's criteria we must be classed as those who were failed by the grammar schools.

Yours faithfully,
G. M. CONLEY,
19 Llys Argoed, Mold, Clwyd.

From Dr Anthony R. Tomkins

Sir, The hapless Mr Blunkett (report, January 2) cannot be the only Labour MP who imagines his party still has something to do with socialism, which usually involves making the rich less rich in order (without much success) to make the poor less poor. This sets the pattern; such members will from time to time continue to propose policies dear to the hearts of their traditional supporters, only to have them slapped down by a leader determined to be all things to all men.

But the Blunketts are the realists. The electorate may for the moment have persuaded itself that Mr Blair will bring the Dark Ages to a close without extra expense to anyone except, of course, the Wicked Rich: but it should remember that politics works by stamping on some toes in order to administer chiropody to others.

Yours sincerely,
TONY TOMKINS,
6 West Court, Western Road,
Hailsham, East Sussex.

Veal calf exports

From Professor Malcolm Peaker, FRSE

Sir, The lasting solution to the calf trade (report, January 9) lies in not producing excess calves from dairy herds. Research at this institute, based on fundamental studies of the body's internal control of milk secretion, is aimed at extending indefinitely the period of lactation, thereby obviating the need for dairy cows to produce calves annually. Producing milk submaximally for much longer periods would offset the complete loss of milk production during late pregnancy and bring welfare benefits to the cow.

In short, new knowledge is opening the way for a more sustainable system of milk production that supports one of the UK's major industries while improving the environment and the lives of cows and their calves.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM PEAKER (Director),
Hannah Research Institute, Ayr.
January 9.

Bishops-elect

From the Abbot of Downside

Sir, Your delightful photograph on the back page of Saturday's *Times* is marred by a caption, "Bishops prostrating themselves in front of the Pope . . .", which may give a most unfortunate impression to the general public.

The prostration has nothing to do with the presence of the Pope but occurs in any service of ordination as a gesture of prayer to Almighty God during the litany which precedes the laying on of hands, consecration and anointing of the priest or bishop-elect.

Yours faithfully,
C. FITZGERALD-LOMBARD,
Downside Abbey,
Stratton on the Fosse, Bath, Avon.
January 8.

The law's delays

From Mr C. A. Gerard

Sir, Like most of your correspondents (January 3) I have every sympathy with Mr C. B. T. Adams, whose letter (December 26) deplored the arrogance of the courts in matters of listing.

As a solicitor for more than 20 years, I too have all too frequently found that even if a case is a "fixture" it can be taken out of the list by the court at almost the last minute without reason, and almost certainly without apology or offer to reimburse any expense caused. If a party wants to break a fixture, however, it is virtually impossible to do so without severe criticism, and probably penalty.

Steps have been taken in the past few years to ensure that many more cases are heard in county courts and there are plans, I believe, to increase this further. However, many of these courts are quite unable to cope with the listing requirements.

The system must be radically overhauled — otherwise experts will no longer accept instructions. Mr Adams says that he has not taken on new medico-legal work for three years: who can possibly blame him?

Yours faithfully,
C. A. GERARD,
3 Sedrup Lane, Hartwell,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

Scottish devolution

From the Reverend J. A. Thurmer

Sir, Can anyone in his right mind want any *more* elected legislatures like the House of Commons (letters, January 5, 9)?

Yours,
JOHN THURMER,
38 Velwell Road, Exeter, Devon.

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Child support changes

From Mr J. A. Davis

Sir, What renders the Child Support Agency obnoxious to many (report, December 22; letters, December 29, January 2) is its "Star Chamber" structure in which the same officials are accuser, judge, jury and executioner. The principal beneficiary is their paymaster.

If MPs wish to bring the agency's workload within reasonable bounds, they should restore the adjudicative and enforcement functions to where they belong and allow the CSA to concentrate on finding defaulters, collecting evidence and assisting the carers of abandoned children to present the evidence to the courts.

The problem hitherto has lain in a legislative framework which presumes that previous obligations should not be allowed to stand in the way of a fresh start.

As one to whom it fell to advise justices on the amount of orders I found it frustrating to see couples positively encouraged to take on new responsibilities when it was manifestly clear that there were insufficient resources to support two families. Trying to put together a case against a defaulter almost at the drop of a hat, without any facts and solely on the basis of some inspired guesswork, was equally frustrating.

There still exists in the magistrates' courts a considerable pool of staff experienced in collecting, accounting for and enforcing maintenance. Let their skills be applied again to ensuring that children get their due — but give them effective tools to use. Let the CSA operate as a "Civil Prosecution Service".

Yours faithfully,
JOHN DAVIS
(Justices' Clerk,
Kingston upon Thames, 1981-91),
54 Woodlands Road,
Bookham, Surrey.
January 2.

Courtier's views on Royal Family

From Dom Alberic Stacpoole, OSB

Sir, Philip Howard's article, "Duchess oblige and vulgar abuse" (January 7), on courtier Lord Charteris commenting upon the Duchess of York as "a vulgarian — vulgar, vulgar, vulgar" honestly takes the wrong side.

The deeper, more pressing principle concerns what Lord Charteris has done: viz, in my opinion, an appalling act of betrayal of an aspect of our monarchy, coming from one who owes his whole place in our life to the monarchy.

From 1953 he has been a Member of the Royal Victorian Order, and is now long a Knight Grand Cross. To the person of our Queen he has been private secretary (with titles changing) from 1950 to 1978, and she — ever honouring him (eg, with GCB) — then had him raised to a life peerage.

He now hacks away at most vulnerable corners of the Royal Family network. Specifically he has attacked a woman presently in an extreme state of social vulnerability (whatever the cause). In my book and, I would imagine, that of many, he has broken the first law of gentlemanliness.

I would want to remind him and his kind of an adage of Cardinal Newman: "It is almost a definition of a gentleman to say that he is one who never inflicts pain." For his near-unique circumstances, I would want to add words from the great and honourable Edmund Burke: "A king may make a nobleman, but he cannot make a gentleman."

Yours faithfully,
A. J. STACPOOLE,
Ampleforth Abbey,
Ampleforth, North Yorkshire.
January 7.

From the Editor of The Spectator

Sir, Philip Howard is simply wrong when he asserts that my interview in 1990 with the late Nicholas Ridley was off the record. If Mr Howard had taken the trouble to refer to Lord Ridley's autobiography he would have avoided making such a vulgar error..

Equally, Noreen Taylor's interview with Lord Charteris in *The Spectator* was on the record. Indeed, because certain of his remarks were muffled on her tape-recording of the interview, Ms Taylor rang up Lord Charteris for confirmation, which he was happy to give.

This is sometimes known as fact-checking, a journalistic practice which Mr Howard clearly regards as vulgar and beneath him.

Yours sincerely,
DOMINIC LAWSON,
Editor, *The Spectator*,
56 Doughty Street, WC1.
January 7.

From Mr Gordon M. L. Smith

Sir, You report today that Lord Charteris "bitterly regrets" his largely innocuous interview. Indeed, compared with Major Hewitt of the Life Guards, Charteris was a model of discretion. Sadly, however, the inner circle of royalty can never again speak freely in front of him.

The loneliness of people in the public eye, whose slightest slip of the tongue can be distorted into a headline in the tabloids, can only be bearable if there is at least one person, usually family, with whom they can relax, let their hair down, say outrageous things and, above all, laugh together in the certainty that a real friend will repeat nothing.

Tribute should be paid to the short list of people who have been associated with royalty, who have proved, over the years, that they will never say a word to the press — Group Captain Peter Townsend, Lord Snowdon, Captain Mark Phillips, Miss Koo Stark and Mrs Camilla Parker Bowles.

Yours faithfully,
GORDON M. L. SMITH,
9 Greenfield Way,
Storrington, West Sussex.
January 6.

A little sackcloth

From Mr David Day

Sir, That Michael Atherton declared England's Sydney Test match second innings closed (report, January 6) and thus deprived Graeme Hick of a century does not seem to me to be at all unfair. Indeed, Hick has had numerous previous opportunities to score Test match centuries, when his modest performances must have been considerably more disappointing than his recent 98 not out against Australia.

In any case, thought ought to be given to the thousands of us who have never had the opportunity to score a hundred for England. For example, like so many others, I have been waiting patiently for many years to be selected.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID DAY,
1 Hill Drive, Ackworth,
Pontefract, West Yorkshire.
January 5.

From Mr D. N. Andrew

Sir, Shouldn't the Ashes Test series be billed as England XI v Australia XIII (including two umpires)?

Yours faithfuly,
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Woodley, Stockport, Cheshire.

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COURT CIRCULAR

KENSINGTON PALACE
January 9:

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, The Royal Ballet, was present this evening at a performance of "Cinderella" at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, as part of the Hamlyn Westminster Week.

Lady Aird was in attendance.

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Gloucester, Honorary Freeman of the Masons' Company, will attend a court luncheon at Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, EC2, at 12.45.

Luncheon

***Royal College of Obstetricians* and Gynaecologists**
The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, last week, held a luncheon in honour of Sir John Harold Peel, KCVO, past-President of the College who celebrated his ninetieth birthday on December 10, 1994.

Dinners

Feltmakers' Company
Mr Derek Hilton, Master of the Feltmakers' Company, entertained the Sheriffs at a Plough Monday dinner held last night at Armourers' Hall. Mr Alderman and Sheriff Richard Nichols also spoke. The Masters of the Salters', Stationers and Newspaper Makers', *Upholders', Tin Plate* Workers' and Lightmongers' Companies were among the guests.

Athenaeum
Professor Richard Scase was the speaker at a talk dinner held last night at the Athenaeum. Professor David Norburn was in the chair.

Appointment

Mr Peter Newton to be Ambassador to Guatemala.

Appointments in the Forces

The Army

BRIGADIER: J M Patrick - To be Comd Aldershot Area, Jan 9

COLONEL: J D C Anderson - To MoD, Jan 9; S G Hughes - To RMCS, Jan 9; C P McMillan - To IMS Brussels, Jan 9; J E B Smedley - To HQ ARRC, Jan 11; R A Bencini RAMC - To PHDCS(G), Jan 10.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL: G C Bicket RGR - To MoD, Jan 10; M S Campbell RE - To MoD, Jan 10; R Chisholm RLC - To ASU SDIST West, Jan 9; A J N Graham A&SH - To be CO 1 A&SH, Jan 13; A D K *Inkster RA - To be CO Leeds Univ* OTC, Jan 9; D G Lyon RA - To be Co 4 Regt RA, Jan 9; A V Malkin Para - To be Co 10 Para, Jan 9; P S Reehal RLC - To ARFPS (BAE), Jan 9; N H Rollo RE - To be CO HQ 22 Engr Regt, Jan 9; I R *Sinclair RA - To be CO 29 CDO* Regt RA, Jan 9; M J Wharmby RLC - To JSDC (DS), Jan 9; L A S Abdul-Aziz RAMC - To BMH Rinteln, Jan 9; B P Bergman RAMC - To SG, Jan 9; J E Burgess RAMC - To RMAS, Jan 9; T S Pitcher RAMC - To HQ UKLF, Jan 14.

Royal Air Force

AIR COMMODORE: P H Eustace - To British Embassy Paris, Jan 13; C D Couzens - To HQ STC, Jan 13.

GROUP CAPTAIN: M Gleave - To RAF Coningsby, Jan 12; J M Kennell - To British Embassy Rome, Jan 12; R H Smith - To HQ PTC, Jan 13.

WING COMMANDER: B R Watson - To HQ PTC, Jan 4; R B Lindley - To HQ 18 GP, Jan 9; C Cordery - RAF Newton, Jan 9.

Funeral service

The Countess of Selkirk
The Funeral Service of the Countess *of Selkirk took place at the* Church of St John The Baptist, Berwick St John, Wiltshire, on December 29, 1994. Canon Sydney Wilcox, Rector, officiated. The Duke of Hamilton read 'The Departure of Christiana' by John Bunyan and the Rev Charles Robertson, Minister of Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh, gave the Address. Lord Patrick Douglas-Hamilton played the organ. Those present included:

The Dowager Duchess of Hamilton, Lord and Lady James Douglas-*Hamilton, Lord David* Douglas-Hamilton, Mr and Mrs Brian Power, Mr and Mrs Timothy Whiteley, Pamela Lady Lever, Mr Alasdair Douglas-Hamilton, Mr Duncan Hilleary, Sir Thomas and Lady Lees, Sir Michael and Lady Hanham, the Hon Diana Makgill, other relatives and friends and the staff at Rose Lawn Coppice.

Lord Shackleton

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Work of The Lord Shackleton will be held in Westminster Abbey at noon on Wednesday, January 25, 1995. Those wishing to attend are invited to apply for tickets, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope, to: The Assistant Receiver General (Protocol), Room 25, The Chapter Office, 20 Dean's Yard, London, SW1P 3PA. All are welcome to apply.

School announcements

Benenden School
Term starts today at Benenden School. The Founders' Lecture, Aspects of Feminism, will be given by Baroness Warnock on January 25. The Arts Festival sponsored by Coutts & Co and the Founders' Memorial Fund will take place on February 10. The School Play, Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*, will be performed on March 17 and 18. Open mornings for parents of prospective students will be held on February 4 and 25.

Charterhouse
The Long Quarter began yesterday. Giles Hazan continues as Head of School and Annabel Rudebeck as Head Girl and Captain of Girls' Lacrosse. Stephen Nabarro and Hannah Bulmer are Captains of Hockey. The Bishop of Dorking will conduct a Service of Confirmation in Chapel on Saturday, February 4. The Peter Newton Entrance Scholarships for Sixth Formers will be held on March 3 and 4. The Biennial Inspection of the CCF takes place on Monday, March 6. Charterhouse Musicians will give a Symphony Concert in Hall on Sunday, January 15, a lunchtime concert at St James's Piccadilly on Thursday, March 2, and a Choral Concert in Chapel on Sunday, March 12. Details of five productions in the *Ben Travers Theatre may* be obtained from the Headmaster's Secretary. Exeat is from February 17 to 21. The Quarter ends on Saturday, March 18.

Churcher's College, Petersfield
Lent Term commences today. The College entrance examination will take place on Saturday, February 4. The Annual Hockey match between the OCC and the College will be held on Sunday, March 19, at 2.30pm. Old Churcherians should contact the College office for details of forthcoming events. The OCC London dinner at the East India Club will be held on Friday, May 12, and bookings can be made through the College office. Term ends on Friday, March 31.

Fettes College
1995 is the 125th anniversary of the founding of Fettes College. Founder's Day is on Saturday, July 1, and Commemoration on Saturday, September 30. During the year, the choir will tour Canada and an expedition will be made to climb Mount Fettes in New Zealand.

Holmwood House, Colchester
Spring Term begins today at *Holmwood House, Colchester. Red Socks* will be performed on February 2, 3 and 4; the Spring Concert is on March 17 and term ends with Open Morning on March 24.

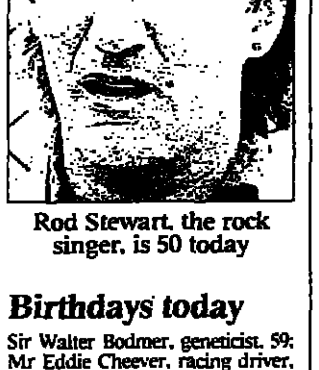
The King's School, Canterbury
The Lent term begins today. There will be a performance by the Chapel Choir and the Symphony Orchestra on Tuesday, March 7, at St John's Smith Square, London at 7.30pm. A Confirmation Service will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday, March 12, at which the Bishop of Maidstone will confirm. Term will end on Saturday, March 25.

Marlborough College
The Lent Term at Marlborough College began yesterday. Mr A. Greener becomes a member of Council. Maxwell Oatley (Summerfield) becomes Senior Prefect. Rufus Pearl (Turner House) Captain of Hockey, Tamasin Smith (New Court) Captain of Netball and Francesca Turquet (Morris House) Captain of Lacrosse. Confirmation by the Bishop of Salisbury will be on Sunday, February 26. Club Day will be on Sunday, March 5, when the Penny Reading will be a performance of *Happy End* by Brecht/Weill. The Junior Scholarship Examination is scheduled between February 27 and March 1. The Marlborough Prep Schools Sports Tournament takes place at Marlborough on Sunday, February 5, and the National Prep Schools' Cross-Country Championship also at Marlborough on Sunday, February 26. Term ends on Saturday, March 18.

The Princess Helena College
Spring term begins today at The Princess Helena College, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and ends on March 23. John F. Jarvis, OBE, BA, MSc, FIPD, FIMgt, FRGS, takes over as Headmaster. Letitia Bow continues as Head of School and Helen Watson her deputy. The School Concert will be in the Princess Alice Hall at 7.30pm on Saturday, March 18. Junior Scholarship examinations for entry in September 1995 will be held on Saturday, February 11. For further details please contact the College on 01462 432100.

Queen Margaret's School, York
The Spring Term will begin on Wednesday, January 11, and end on March 25. Leave-out will be from Friday, January 27, to Sunday, January 29, and half-term from Saturday, February 11, to Sunday, February 19. The Sixth Form Scholarship Examination and Music Scholarship will take place on February 22. The Confirmation Service will be conducted by the Bishop of Selby on March 12 and the School Play, Aristophanes' *Birds* will be performed on March 16, 17 and 18.

St George's School, Ascot
Term starts at St George's School, Ascot, on Wednesday, January 11. Half term commences Friday, February 17, at noon and boarders return on Wednesday evening February 22. Our First Lacrosse Team will undertake their first *tour of the United States from* March 31 until April 15. Term ends on Friday, March 24.



Rod Stewart, the rock singer, is 50 today

Birthdays today

Sir Walter Bodmer, geneticist, 59; Mr Eddie Cheever, racing driver, 37; Sir Robin Chichester-Clark, former MP, 67; Mr Tom Clarke, MP, 54; Professor Rodney Eatock Taylor, mechanical engineer, 51; *Dr R.D.H. Gem,* secretary, Cathedrals Fabric Commission for England, 50; Sir Arthur Gold, honorary life president, European Athletic Association, 78; Mr Derek Hammond-Stroud, baritone, 69; Sir David Hopkin, former chief metropolitan stipendiary magistrate, 73; Sir Derek Hornby, chairman, British Overseas Trade Board, 65; Sir Robert Marshall, civil servant, 75; Dr Peter Mathias, Master, Downing College, Cambridge, 67; Sir David Miers, diplomat, 58; Mr Denis Peach, former *chief charity commissioner, 67; Mr* Anton Rodgers, actor, 62; Mrs Valerie Strachan, chairman, HM Customs and Excise, 55.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Niels Stensen, anatomist and geologist, Copenhagen, 1638; Michel Ney, commander of Napoleon's Old Guard, Saarlouis, Germany, 1769; George Birkbeck, physician and educator, Settle, Yorkshire, *1776;* Adrien Wettach (Grock), clown, Recouvilier, Switzerland, 1880; John Acton, first Baron Acton of Aldenham, historian, Naples, 1834; Alexei Nikolayevich Tolstoy, novelist and playwright, 1883; Manuel Azana y *Diaz, President of Spain 1936-39,* Alcala de Henares, 1880; Robinson Jeffers, poet, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 1887; Dame Barbara Hepworth, sculptor, Wakefield, 1903.

DEATHS: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury 1633-45, beheaded, London, 1645; Edward Cave, publisher, London, 1754; Carolus Linnaeus, botanist, Uppsala, Sweden, 1778; Mary Russell Mitford, essayist and dramatist, Swallowfield, Berkshire, 1855; Samuel Colt, gunsmith, *1862;* William Frederick Cody (Buffalo Bill), showman, Denver, Colorado, 1917; Frank Bridge, composer, Eastbourne, 1941; Sinclair Lewis, novelist, Nobel laureate 1930, Rome, 1951; Gabriela Mistral, poet and *novelist, Nobel laureate* 1945, New York, 1957; Gabrielle (Coco) Chanel, fashion designer, Paris, 1971; Nubar Gulbenkian, 1972.

The "Penny Post" introduced by Sir Rowland Hill, 1840.

The London Underground (Metropolitan *Railway)* system started, 1863.

The Standard Oil Company of Ohio was founded by William and John D. Rockefeller, 1870.

The First World War officially ended after the ratification of the Treaty of Versailles by Germany and the allies, 1920.

The first assembly of the UN was held in London, 1946.

Royal Ascot: June 20-23

The list for applications for the Royal Enclosure at Ascot opened on January 1. Only personal letters of application will be accepted. Existing members should apply, as usual, before the end of April. All those wishing to apply for the first time should make an application before the end of March stating the full names of those members of their family who require vouchers, with their ages if between 16 and 25. Sponsorship forms will then be sent which should be signed by a sponsor who has been present in the Royal Enclosure for a minimum of eight years. Overseas visitors should apply direct to their embassies in London.

In the enclosure ladies will wear formal day dress with hat which must cover the crown of the head. Gentlemen will wear morning dress with top hat, or service dress.

Applications should be addressed to Her Majesty's Representative, The Ascot Office, *St* James's Palace, London, SW1A 1BP.

Marriages

**Lord Poole
and Mrs L. Edsell**
The marriage took place in London, on January 6, between Lord Poole and Mrs Lucinda Edsell.

**The Hon C.J.R. Morris
and Ms N.D. Rajagopal**
The marriage took place on January 1, 1995, at Saint Hugh's Church, Foolow, Derbyshire, of the Hon Christopher Justin Robert *Morris, son* of Lord Morris of Castlemorris and Lady Morris, of The Old Hall, Foolow, to Ms Nirmala Devi Rajagopal, daughter of Mr and Mrs Rajagopal, of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The Rev David Shaw, Rector of the Parish of Eyam, officiated.

The bridesmaids were Ms Shyamala Devi Rajagopal, Rebecca Boxall and Kelly Johnston, and the pageboys Thomas Boxall and Rowley Hudson. Mr Edmund Quilty was best man.

The couple will have a further, Hindu wedding in Kuala Lumpur later in January and afterwards a honeymoon in India. They will then live in Washington DC, USA.

**Mr M.K. Saunders
and Miss N.S. Dimitranova**
The marriage took place on Thursday, December 15, 1994, at Westminster Register Office, of Matthew Kemp Saunders, only son of Bruce and Ann Saunders, and Neli Stankova Dimitranova, only *daughter of Stanko Penev* Dimitranov and Vassilka Grózdanova Dimitranova, of Sofia, Bulgaria.

Forthcoming marriages

**Dr M.R. Banks
and Miss E.J. Simpson**
The engagement is announced between Matthew Rupert, youngest son of Dr and Mrs Peter Banks, of Purley, Surrey, and Emily Jane, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Alasdair Simpson, of *Hampstead,* London.

**Captain A.G. Bex, RLC,
and Miss F.E. De Renzy Channer**
The engagement is announced between Gareth, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Bex, of Egmanton, Nottinghamshire, and Francesca, *eldest daughter of Lieutenant Colonel* and Mrs Ronald De Renzy Channer, of Wem, Shropshire.

**Mr W.D.M. Buckley
and Miss R. Maxwell**
The engagement is announced between William, son of Mr and Mrs T.G.M. Buckley, of Newnham, Hampshire, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr and Mrs D. Maxwell, of Chiswick, London.

**Mr A. Carmichael
and Miss L.E. MacGuffog**
The engagement is announced between *Andrew, son of Mr and* Mrs F.M. Carmichael, of Poole, Dorset, and Lorna, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D. MacGuffog, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

**Mr D. Coggins
*and Miss L. Buller***
The engagement is announced between David, son of the Rev and Mrs R.J. Coggins, of Lymington, Hampshire, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs J.F.N. Buller, of Surbiton, Surrey.

***Mr F. Connell*
and Mrs C. Le Marchant**
The engagement *is* announced between Frederick, son of the late Rev Richard and Mrs Connell, and Clare, daughter of the late Sir Denis Le Marchant and of Lady Le Marchant, of Hungerton Hall, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

**Mr S.D. Hollier
and Miss A. Barker**
The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Hollier, of Goadby, Leicestershire, and Alison, eldest daughter of Mrs Valerie Barker, of Winslow, Buckinghamshire.

**Mr J.H. Johnson-Ferguson
and Miss R.A. Peddie**
The engagement is announced between James Herbert, elder son of Mr and Mrs Michael Johnson-Ferguson, of Springkell, Lockerbie, Dumfriesshire, and Rachel Alexandra, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Peddie, of Bannisters Farmhouse, Mattingley Green, Hampshire.

**Dr P.G. May
and Miss M.C. O'Sullivan**
The engagement is announced between Paul Graham, son of Mr and Mrs Graham May, of Tenterden, Kent, and Mary-Clare, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs James O'Sullivan, of Carshalton Beeches, Surrey.

**Mr A.J. Post
and Miss M.S. Aylmer**
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs Jack Post, of Twickenham, and Mary, daughter of *Colonel* and Mrs Anthony Aylmer, of Nunwell, Isle of Wight.

**Mr R.F.J. Maxwell-Lawford
and Mlle B. del Marmol**
The engagement *is announced* between Richard, only son of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Maxwell-Lawford, of Buckerell, Honiton, Devon, and Benedicte, youngest daughter of Baron and Baronne Yvan del Marmol of Dudzele, Belgium.

**Mr S.D. Pardoe
and Miss F.D. Barrett**
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr and Mrs J. Pardoe, of Brinkley, New*market, and* Fiona, daughter of Mr Gordon Barrett, of Highmoor, Henley-on-Thames and Mrs Noreen Vaughan, of Hebron, Dyfed.

**Mr I.J. Richardson
and Miss J.M. Kelso**
The engagement is announced *between Ian James, son of Mr and* Mrs Lyn Richardson, of Bramley, Hampshire, and Jane Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs Robin Kelso, of Eastcote, Towcester, Northamptonshire.

**Mr C.G.S. Robey
*and Miss R.E. Wynter-Bee***
The engagement is announced between Christopher Gordon Stanley, only son of Mr S.E. Robey and the late Mrs Robey, of East Africa, and Rosamund Eve, daughter of Mr A.R. Wynter-Bee and the late Mrs Wynter-Bee, of Chobham, Surrey.

**Mr S.C. Sandys-Lumsdaine
and Miss C.J. Kimber**
The engagement is announced between Stephen Cren, elder son of Mr and Mrs P.G. Sandys-Lumsdaine, of Hoe Benham, Berkshire, and Caroline Joanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs B.E. Kimber, of Goring-on-Thames, Berkshire.

Latest wills

Captain Roger Curzon **Lewis**, of Bishopsteignton, Devon, formerly of Sheldon, the mine disposal expert who first dismantled the German magnetic mine in 1939, left estate valued at £139,452 net.

Mrs Minnie Hetta **Lewis**, of London NW3, left estate valued at £1,615,606 net.

She left £500,000 to the Maisie and Raphael Lewis Charitable Trust, made January 20 1993.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Frances Mary **Birkett**, of Keswick, Cumbria	£1,007,050
Mr Theodore Raymond John Mules **Brown**, of Richmond, Surrey	£942,076
Mrs Golda **Grossmith**, of London N6	£753,203
Mr William Geoffrey **Ingram**, of Steventon, Oxfordshire	£772,616
Mrs Elsie Florence **Knott**, of Poole, Dorset	£1,328,861
Adelaide Beatrice **Lockwood**, of Blackmore, Essex	£1,098,072
Mrs Patricia Margaret **Olszowska**, of Hambledon, Hampshire	£2,959,498
Nina **Pava**, of Chiswick, London W4	£858,596
Mr John Leslie **Smith**, of Great Canfield, *Essex*	£1,004,013
Aileen Crawford **Wells**, *of* Sharnbrook, Bedfordshire	£1,898,344

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**They come, the sons from whom you parted: from east to west they come, assembling at the word of the Holy One, and rejoicing in the glory of God.
*Baruch 4 : 37 (REB)***

BIRTHS

BENTLEY - On Thursday 29th December 1994, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Michelle Williams and Stephen Bentley, a daughter, Georgia Claire Williams Bentley.

BIRCHENOUGH - On Friday 6th January 1995 at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital, to Helen and Simon, a daughter, Annabelle Rose, a beautiful sister for Jack and George.

CHURCH - On January 8th at The Portland Hospital, to Caroline Francis (née Althaus) and Colin, a spectacular daughter, Olivia Alice.

CROSS - See Jardine.

DHADA - On December 14th 1994, in Greeley, Colorado, to Safiah (née von Bissing) and Mustafah, a son, Dawood von Bissing.

HARRIES - On December 22nd 1994, to Susanna (née Marett) and William, a son, Thomas Gwion, at the Maternity Unit, Jersey.

IRWIN-CLARK - On Friday 6th January at The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, to Peter and Davina (née Warren), in God's mercy, a daughter, Emily Grace, stillborn.

JARDINE - To Alec and Mary at home, on December 29th 1994, a son, Douglas Edward.

KEMP - On Christmas Eve 1994, at The Princess Royal Hospital, Haywards Heath, to Mary (née Sell) and Andrew, a daughter, Lauren Sophia.

MACLACHLAN - On January 7th 1995, to Caroline (née Findlay) and Rory, a son, Jamie Douglas.

MARTIN - On 2nd January 1995, to Mary (née Sanders) and David, of Hatfield, a daughter, Aimée Elizabeth Hannah.

McVEIGH - On January 3rd at The Portland Hospital, to Jenny (née Champneys) and Charlie, a beautiful daughter, Georgia.

MEREDITH - On 24th December 1994, in York, to Charity and Tim, a son, George Richard Norman.

MICHALOWSKI - On 31st December 1994, to Elizabeth and Ryszard, a son, Aleksander Tadeusz.

NORMAN - See Meredith.

SISLEY - On 29th November 1994, to Sharon (née Abraham) and Kevin, a son, Harry.

SLADEN - On 6th January 1995, at Queen Charlotte's *Hospital, to Alisa (née* Andrew) and Andrew, a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth Lambart, a sister for Alasdair and never forgetting Tom.

SMITH - On 7th January 1995, to Alison and Steven, a daughter, Portia Ann.

TOMMEY - On Tuesday 3rd *January 1995, to Polly (née* Barber) and Jonathan, a daughter, Isabella Georgia May.

WRIGHT - On January 3rd 1995, to Pamela and Christopher, a daughter, Sarah Anne Hailey, a sister for William, Emma and *Thomas.*

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

SWANN:FEAVER - *On* 10th January 1945 at St Mary Redcliffe, by his Father and Uncle and her Brother, Lieut. (E) David Swann RN and Mary Feaver WRNS. Now at Denver, Norfolk.

DEATHS

ANDERSON - On January 6th, in Petersfield, Judith Shirley, beloved sister, aunt and great-aunt. Private cremation. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, *to* MacMillan Services. All enquiries Funeral Services (Petersfield) Ltd., 19 The Square, Petersfield, GU32 3HR, tel: (0730) 262711.

BAKER - Harold Oliver "Peter". Peacefully on 4th January. Beloved husband of Sonja, *dear father of* Anne and Daphne. Private family committal service at Swansea Crematorium. A Thanksgiving Service will be held at 3 pm Saturday 14th January at Clyne Church, Blackpill, Swansea. Enquiries to D.G. Attwell Funeral Directors, tel: (0792) *650205.*

BORGONON - On 6th January 1995, suddenly but peacefully at home, having shared a happy Christmas with all her family, Winifred Margaret, aged 79. Funeral Service to take place at St John the Baptist Church, Greenhill, Harrow, on Friday 13th January at 12 noon followed by cremation at 1.15 pm at Breakspear Crematorium, Breakspear Road, Ruislip. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Rock Foundation a Christian support charity c/o L.J. Butler & Son, Funeral Directors, 40 Kenton Park Parade, Kenton, Harrow, Middx. HA3 8DN.

BOULTWOOD - On January 7th peacefully at Lymington. Constance (née Cork) aged 82 years of Beaulieu. Widow of George, dear mother of Peter, Nicholas and Prudence and a loving grandmother and great-grandmother. Private cremation. Thanksgiving Service at Beaulieu Abbey Church on Monday January 16th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations for Royal British Legion (Beaulieu Branch) c/o Diamond and Son Funeral Directors, Lymington. SO41 9DN.

BUCKNALL - On January 7th 1995, peacefully after a long illness at Gold Hill Rest Home, Malvern, Worcestershire, Helen, aged 77 years. Dearly loved mother of Jinty and Jane. Funeral Service to take place at Worcester Crematorium on Monday 16th January at 11 am.

CHEVALLIER - Lt. Cdr. John RN (retd.), January 6th 1995, beloved husband of Rosemary, father of Andrew, Kate and Hugh and brother of Mary. Funeral on Friday January 13th at 1 pm at Barnston Parish Church, Wirral. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Alzheimer's Disease Society.

BURT-ANDREWS - On January 7th in hospital in Cyprus following a stroke, Air Commodore Charles Beresford Eaton Burt-Andrews CB., CBE, aged 81. Darling loving husband of Joan and much loved father of Clare and Richard and step-father of Tony and *Julia. The funeral service* will take place on Thursday January 12th at RAF Akrotiri and interment at the British cemetery at Polemidhia. Donations to the RAF Benevolent Fund in lieu of flowers would be appreciated.

CASSEL-KOKCZYNSKI - Antoni Hubert died peacefully on 5th January 1995, aged 86, in London. Polish cavalry officer, diplomat and banker. His motto: Rideo ergo sum. He will be sadly missed by his daughter Rose-mary, his son Hubert, his five grandchildren, his sister Mimi, his sister-in-law Ewa, his niece Anetka, his nephew Tomek, his family and friends. Private cremation ceremony at Aldershot Crematorium, Hampshire, on Monday 16th January. Family flowers only but donations gratefully received in aid of Medical Aid for Poland Fund, 16 Warwick Road, London SW5 9UD.

COLQUHOUN - On 6th January 1995, peacefully at the King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, Beryl Marquis, formerly of Milland, West Sussex, widow of Brian Colquhoun and *much loved mother of Robin* and Tim. Funeral Service at 12 noon on Thursday 12th January at St Luke's Church, Milland, nr. Liphook. Flowers or donations if preferred to "Motor Neurone Association" c/o L.F. Lintott & Son, Midhurst, West Sussex.

CORNISH - On January 7th 1995, peacefully, William Herbert, aged 89, widower of Eileen, dearly loved father of Elizabeth and Hilary and grandfather of Catherine and Timothy. Funeral Service at Holy Trinity Church, Northwood, Middlesex, on *Monday January 16th at* 11am, followed by cremation at Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Flowers to E. Spark, tel: (0923) 826372 or donations to The Royal Horticultural Society.

COWPER - Julia M. (Colonel *WRAC) aged 87. Died at Old* Rectory Nursing Home, North Kilworth, Leicestershire, on 5th January. Daughter of Colonel L.I. Cowper of King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster). Funeral private at North Kilworth Church on Friday 13th January. Burial later at Lancaster Priory.

DE CHAIR - On 5th January 1995, suddenly but peacefully in Antigua, W.I. Somerset Struben aged 83, beloved husband of Juliet and adored father of Rodney, Peter (died 1962), Rory, Carlo, *Teresa and Helena* and grandfather of Toby, Freya, Theodora, Augusta and Lawrence. Funeral Thursday 12th January 1995 12 noon at the Church of St Peter and St Paul, St Osyth, Essex. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a later date.

DE CHAIR - (née Trubshawe), on 6th January 1995 at Muirlands, valiantly, Sarah Louise, beloved wife of Rodney de Chair, elder daughter of Margaret Romer-Lee (née McDougall), sister of Victoria Proes. Quiet cremation service at Cardross, Dumbartonshire on *13th January at 2.20 pm.* Flowers, if desired, to George Skea, Helensburgh - Undertakers (Tel: 0436 678887/671881) or, if preferred, donations to a church, or a religious charity, of choice. A service of life-celebration is to be held in the south later in the year; *no letters meanwhile please.*

ESSEX - On January 9th 1995 in Mary Potter Hospice, Wellington, New Zealand, Cyril Raymond Essex, aged 90 years, lately of Folkestone, devoted husband of Maisie, father of *Pat, father-in-law of Robert,* grandfather of Nadine and Jeremy. Dearly loved and so sadly missed by all. Funeral at Wellington Cathedral, Friday 13th January at 2.30pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

FORREST - On January 8th, at home, Colonel Ian (retd.). Greatly loved husband of Jocelyn, father of Rupert and Grumpa of Angus, Archie and Sandy. Funeral at Burbage Parish Church, Wiltshire, on Thursday 12th at 2.30 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if wished, to Cancer Research.

GALVIN - Douglas, on 30th December, peacefully at St Thomas' Hospital, London, aged 76 years. Funeral Service will take place at Chelmsford Crematorium on 13th January at 2.15 pm. Floral tributes may be sent to M. Lucking & Sons, 195 New London Road, Chelmsford, Essex.

GOLOMBEK - On January 7th 1995, peacefully at Dawn House Residential Home, Gerrards Cross, Harry OBE, aged 83 years. Funeral Service Wednesday January 18th 12.30 pm Chilterns Crematorium, Amersham, Bucks. All enquiries to Chiltern Funerals tel: (01753) 892900.

GREER - Vera Maud, peacefully in London on January 6th 1995, aged 91. Loved sister, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Funeral at St Marylebone's Crematorium, East End Road, N2, on Friday 13th January at 2.30pm. Arrangements by Leverton & Sons, 1 Denmark Terrace, Fortis Green, N2 9HG, tel: (081) 444-6783.

HAMMOND - On January 6th 1995, peacefully at home, Harold (Hugh) aged 88 years. Much loved husband of Alexandra. *Funeral 11am, 11th January* in Schull, Co. Cork, Ireland.

HOBSON - On December 30th, peacefully at home, J. Peter, aged 70, formerly of the Diplomatic Corps. Much loved by all his family and many friends. Laid to rest January 6th.

HAYTHORNTHWAITE - On 4th January at his home in Sheffield, Lt. Col. Gerald Graham Haythornthwaite C.B.E., T.D., M.A. Honorary Secretary of the C.P.R.E. (Sheffield, Peak District & South Yorkshire Branch). Dearly loved and loving husband of the late Ethel. Service at St Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield, on Wednesday 18th January at 2 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations in lieu for the C.P.R.E. may be sent to John Heath & Sons, Funeral Directors, Sheffield S4 7LS.

HODGSON - On 4th January after a very brief illness in Chichester, Gerald William Tarleton, late of Chinley, Derbyshire and London. Cremation private.

HYNES - Mary. On January 6th 1995, at Ridgefield, USA after a brief illness. Much loved mother of Mark, and Jonathan; sister; mother-in-law and Grandma. Private cremation in the USA. Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Swithuns Church, Nately Scures, Hants on Friday January 20th 1995 *at 11 am.* Family flowers only, but donations if desired may be made to Friends of Basingstoke Hospital.

KINGSTON - William H.G. The Green Howards (retired), on January 8th, after a short illness borne with great courage. Beloved husband of Mo and much loved father of Tippy and Vixy. Funeral Service St Edward The Confessor Church, Dringhouses, York, Tuesday January 17th at 12 noon. Donations if wished in lieu of flowers to St Leonard's Hospice, York.

KITCHIN - On January 6th 1995, peacefully, Norman Tyson Kitchin, beloved husband of Shirley, devoted father of Alan and David, loved by Charlotte and his grandchildren Lara and James and all his family. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Sudborough, Northamptonshire, on Friday 13th January at 2pm, followed by interment. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, for the Alzheimer's Disease Society c/o Crowsons Funeral Directors, Barnwell, nr. *Oundle,* Peterborough PE8 5PS.

LAWSON - On January 5th, at Elburton, Plymouth, Joan Blanche (née Ridgen), aged 92, beloved wife of Francis (decd.), mother of Blanche, Louise and John. Quaker service at Swarthmore, *Mutley Plain,* Plymouth, on Thursday 12th January at 12 noon.

LLEWELLIN - Peacefully on January 8th 1995, Faith Glyn (née de Winton), beloved wife of the late Major T.C.T. Llewellin and much loved sister of the late Gaynor and Glyn. Funeral at Llanfrynach Church on Friday January 13th at 12 noon. No flowers by request, donations if desired to Llanfrynach Church or Llanfihangel-Talyllyn Church c/o J.L. Stephens & Sons, Talybont-on-Usk, Brecon, Powys.

LONG - On January 5th, John S. Long, M.B.E., late G.C.H.Q., dearly loved husband of Margaret Frances. All enquiries to Selim Smith & Co. tel: (0242) 525385.

MACKENZIE - Ruth (née Lee), aged 77 years, of Cross *Bank, Bewdley,* peacefully after a long illness, on December 31st 1994, beloved wife of Kenneth and mother of Sue (Armitage) and James and much loved grandmother. The funeral has already taken place.

MAYER - Professor Ulrich Philip Mayer, anthropologist and South Africanist, died at home in Oxford on January 2nd 1995 after long illness most bravely borne. Greatly loved by his family and many friends. Memorial Service at the Oxford Synagogue, Richmond Road, 2.30 pm Sunday January 15th.

MOODY - On January 8th 1995, suddenly at his home in Minchinhampton, Major Michael Walker Moody, aged 74 years. Adored and devoted husband of Jean, much loved father and father-in-law to Elizabeth and Joseph, John and Annie. Beloved grandfather of James, Lucy, Ben, Flora, Timothy and Patrick. Funeral Service at Amberley Parish Church on Friday January 13th at 1.45 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, donations in lieu may be sent for The Royal Star & Garter Home c/o Philip Ford & Son (Funeral Directors) Ltd., Dirleton House, Stroud, Glos.

MURRAY WILLIS - On 7th January 1995 peacefully in his 88th year, Peter, after *long illness* at Brookfield Nursing Home. Dearly loved husband of Kay, loved father of James, Charles and Robert and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield, 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to Northamptonshire C.C.C. Youth Trust c/o R. Medhurst Funeral Directors, Hartfield, Sussex TN7 4AD (0892) 770 253.

NEWTON-HUSBANDS - Alfred "Tony" of Littleover and Burton-upon-Trent (former Yeast Merchant and Cooper) who passed away 3rd January 1995. Funeral Service to be held at 2.30 pm on Wednesday 11th January 1995 at the Burton-upon-Trent Parish Church of St Modwens, prior to interment in Stapenhill Cemetery. Floral tributes or donations *in lieu, if desired, for either* "Imperial Cancer Research" or "Royal Society for the Protection of Birds" may be sent to Wellings Funeral Service, 86 Derby Street, Burton-upon-Trent, Staffs. DE14 2LD, tel: (01283) 563566.

PRICE - Anthony Richard, on January 9th, husband of Barbara. Funeral Service on Thursday 12th January at 12 noon at St Columba's, Gruline, Isle of Mull. Family flowers only. Donations, if wished, to West Highland Friends of ARMS.

OLDFIELD - On Sunday 8th January, peacefully at Royal Marsden Hospital, Alexandra Frances Margaret Oldfield (née Davidson), of Doddington Place, Kent, aged 37. Daughter of Andrew and Margaret, wife of Richard, mother of Leonora, Christopher and *Henry; much loved by these* and many others. Funeral at Doddington Church on Saturday 14th January at 12 noon. Family flowers only. Donations to Doddington Church c/o The Vicar, The Street, Doddington, nr. Sittingbourne, Kent.

PADDON - On 5th January 1995, in Labrador, Dr. William Antony Paddon (Tony), Officer of the Order of Canada, aged 80. Greatly loved husband of Sheila, father of Elizabeth, David, Michael and Tom, grandfather of Harry. His life work was among the people of Labrador, following his father as a distinguished Doctor with the International Grenfell Association. More recently he served as Lieutenant-Governor of the Canadian Province of Newfoundland and Labrador.

ROARK - Doris, widow of Sqn/Ldr "Buller" Roark. Peacefully at Fleet Hospital, on Thursday 5th January. A dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Friday 13th January at 2.30 pm. Flowers and enquiries please to Funeral Directors A & W Goddard Ltd., tel: (0252) 616431.

ROBSON - Peacefully on January 6th, Dorothy Madge, formerly of Edmonton, Buenos Aires, Rickmansworth and Bristol. Dearly loved widow of Rob, much treasured mother, granny and great-granny and a great friend to many others. Funeral Service at Canford Crematorium, Westbury-on-Trym, Bristol, on Friday January 13th at 3pm. Family flowers only but donations, if wished, to British Lung Foundation, Southmead Hospital, Bristol BS10 5NB.

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TRAPPES-LOMAX - Patricia Margaret (née Taylor), wife of the late Anthony Fitzherbert, on 7th January 1995 at Badgers Wood Nursing Home, Drayton, Norfolk, after a long illness courageously borne. Cremation at 12 noon on Monday 16th January 1995 at Norwich City (Earlham) Crematorium, Earlham Road, Norwich, Norfolk. No flowers please, but donations if desired to the Norwich Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, c/o Peter Taylor *Funeral* Services, 83/85 Unthank Road, Norwich, Norfolk.

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VERSEN - On December 30th 1994, peacefully, Ursula, wife of the late Freddy Versen, very much loved mother of Alexandra, Miranda and Richard, and adored grandmother. The funeral has already taken place.

WADHWA - Ruth (née Still) on 31st December 1994, aged 62. Much loved mother *of Kiran and Mark and wife* of Raj. Funeral 2 pm on 12th January at St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, London EC4, *followed* by private cremation. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 149 Kentish Town High Road, London NW1 8PD, tel: (071) 485-1266.

WALDER - On January 6th 1995, peacefully in Devonshire Nursing Home, Eastbourne, Frederick Ernest, father of Kenneth and a loving grandfather to Annabel and Christopher. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, *Hampden Park,* Eastbourne, on Monday January 16th at 11.30 am, followed by cremation. Enquiries to Haine & Son Ltd., 19 South Street, Eastbourne, tel: (01323) 727801.

WESTON ADAMSON - On January 6th, at her home, Oldstead, Elsie, beloved wife of the late Weston, much loved mother of Moira and Pauline. Funeral Service will be at St Mary's Church, Kilburn, on Friday January 13th at 12 noon, followed by private cremation.

WARD - Michael Robert Wilson K.H.S., K.S.S., on 6th January, Feast of the Epiphany. Husband of Noelle, father of Katie, Elizabeth, Edward, Richard and Lucy, grandfather of Michael Declan. Requiem Mass in the Chapel of Reconciliation, Little Walsingham, Norfolk, at 1pm on Thursday 12th January. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to be shared between Amnesty International and King's Lynn Samaritans which may be sent c/o Thornally Funeral Services, 51-55 St James Street, King's *Lynn.*

WILLIAMS - On January 2nd 1995, peacefully at The Miramar Nursing Home, Herne Bay, Stanley Henry aged 80, *for* many years Doyen of local Roller Hockey Scene. Dearest husband of Rita, dear father of Chris and grandfather to Simon and Mark. Funeral Service and cremation takes place at Barham on Monday January 16th at 12.30 pm. Flowers to A. Welch and Sons, 94 Station Road, Herne Bay.

WILLOUGHBY - On 7th January, at Moors Park R/H, Bishopsteignton, Enid Alberta (née Nye), aged 86, beloved wife of the late George Willoughby, much loved mother of Peter, Philip and Brenda and their families. Eucharist 10 am, funeral 2 pm All Saints Church, Millbrook, near Torpoint, Cornwall. Private family cremation Friday January 13th 1995. *Family* flowers only. Donation enquiries Mrs J Oliver, (0752) 822468.

WINSER - On Wednesday 4th January, suddenly but peacefully at home, Nell (née Banning), aged 54, loving wife of John, devoted mother of Juliette, Katharine and Helen and proud grandmother of baby Emily. Funeral Service at Emmanuel Church, Normanton Road, South Croydon at 2 pm on Wednesday 11th January. Flowers, if desired, to J.B. Shakespeare Ltd., 67 George Street, Croydon by 10.30 am that day.

WOODWARD - On 7th January at St Luke's Hospice, Plymouth, Jane (née Conran), dearly loved wife of Freddy. Funeral 2.30pm 13th January at St Michael's Church, Cornwood. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, for St Luke's Hospice may be sent to Walter Parson, Riverside, Costly Street, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0DB, tel: (01752) 690909.

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OBITUARIES

PETER COOK

Peter Cook, comic writer and entertainer, died from a gastrointestinal haemorrhage yesterday aged 57. He was born in Torquay on November 17, 1937.

THE responsibility of being regarded as one of the wittiest men of his generation and the comic guru to the nation could have weighed heavily upon Peter Cook's shoulders, had he been prepared to take anything in life seriously. But the one thing Cook always adamantly refused to do was to take life, himself or his career seriously. His was certainly an original talent. It produced an anarchic brand of humour that could be incorrigibly tasteless or simply gloriously absurd and it profoundly influenced subsequent generations of comics and comedy writers.

Having first found fame in the early 1960s alongside three fellow Cambridge University students — Alan Bennett, Jonathan Miller and Dudley Moore — in *Beyond the Fringe*, a revue in which, for the first time, everyone and everything including the Royal Family and the Prime Minister were targets for ridicule. Cook went on to open The Establishment, a Soho nightclub which avoided censorship by the Lord Chamberlain and which set a new benchmark for social and political satire. He also became the chief shareholder and celebrated Lord Gnome of the satirical magazine *Private Eye*.

Next came resounding television success with *Not Only . . . But Also* in which Cook and Dudley Moore created Pete 'n' Dud, a pair of cloth-capped idiots who discussed universal issues of life and philosophy with breathtaking inanity, and captured the hearts and minds of the nation more successfully than perhaps any comic team since the Goons. It was in this series that Cook also created the beloved E. L. Wisty, who hankered to be royal ("Even if its the most boring thing in the world, people still say isn't interesting that a royal person is doing something so boring").

But while his comic associates went on to explore new avenues and to broaden their careers, Peter Cook's subsequent output was erratic and his activities never quite matched those early successes. From being the most dynamic of the Cambridge four, he came to prefer a life of relative and self-admitted indolence.

Peter Edward Cook was the son of a former Colonial Service official. As a child he stayed for a time with his grandmother while his father served in Nigeria and his mother shuttled between her husband and her children. He was educated at Radley and Pembroke College, Cambridge, where he read modern languages with a view to joining the diplomatic corps. He was excused National Service because of hay fever. While still a student he scripted his first stage revue, *Pieces of Eight*, which was successfully staged at the Apollo Theatre. This was followed by *Beyond the Fringe*, a series of sketches first staged at the Edinburgh Festival in 1960. In May 1961 the revue transferred to London and subsequently became known around the English-speaking world. Cook meanwhile opened, with a friend, The Establishment in Soho. The club format allowed disrespectful references to royalty, senior statesmen, church dignitaries and other "establishment" figures without prior approval from the Lord Chamberlain, then still a censor of the legitimate theatre. Cook showed himself an imaginative impresario, booking such guest artistes as Lenny Bruce.

Cook and Dudley Moore were perfect foils for each other as performers. They appeared in a Royal Variety Performance and in 1965 won the Television Producers' Guild award for light entertainment, thus displaying the British establishment's celebrated readiness to absorb its attackers. Between 1965 and 1971 they made four series of *Not Only . . . But Also*, featuring a masterful range of surreal sketches. The six years spent making *Not Only . . . But Also* were some of the happiest of Peter Cook's life.

His involvement with *Private Eye* began in 1963 and he eventually owned its Soho offices and four-fifths of the shares. Although his appearances as a performer in later years became sadly infrequent, he never lost a passion for *Private Eye*, suffering much distress when it incurred huge libel damages. Overall he contributed relatively little in the way of material to the magazine. But he suggested the speech bubble attached to a photograph of a famous person which appeared on the front cover and which became *Private Eye*'s most immediately identifiable characteristic. It was he also who thought up the feature "True Stories" and the hilarious "Mrs Wilson's Diary" which ran throughout the Labour Prime Minister's terms of office.

From the mid-1960s he appeared in more than a score of films, most notably *The Wrong Box* (1966), *Bedazzled* (1967), the script of which he wrote himself, *Monte Carlo or Bust* (1969) and *The Rise and Rise of Michael Rimmer* (1970). None was judged first-rate though his performances were themselves good.

His Mad Hatter in Jonathan Miller's television adaptation of *Alice in Wonderland* was certainly inspired. Indeed the part might have been made for him. The suspicion began to grow, however, that he was incapable of sustained artistic effort, whether as writer of a single cohesive vehicle or as performer in a major role.

He also made several records and hosted two television series. The records, though essentially lightweight, were commercially successful, his hosting of the television series not even that.

He and Dudley Moore took increasingly differing attitudes to their material. Occasionally this worked. More often it did not. However, their two-man show *Behind the Fridge* did well in the early 1970s in London, America and Australasia. The pair teamed up again in the 1980s, releasing a number of albums as Pete 'n' Dud's Dagenham alter egos, the foul-mouthed Derek and Clive. But, except for a brief spell sharing the bill with Dudley Moore on Broadway, Cook had no enthusiasm for working in America.

While Moore developed his career in Hollywood, Alan Bennett became one of the country's most prominent playwrights and Jonathan Miller combined a medical career with another as a theatrical director, Cook remained resolutely unambitious. His undoubted intelligence made him increasingly a misfit in the 1980s world which his own 1960s lampooning had arguably helped to create. It was painfully obvious that his talents were underused but Cook insisted that this was primarily his own lack of professional drive. "I think I ran out of ambition at 24," he once admitted.

He lived alone in extremely disorderly style in an 18th-century house in Hampstead once owned by H. G. Wells. Apart from an occasional game of golf, his exercise consisted of walking to the newsagent to buy all the daily and Sunday papers, of which he was an obsessional reader. He was also given to telephoning radio phone-in programmes and inventing absurd characters, just for the fun of it. He listed as his favourite pleasures in life: casual chitchat, reading, sport, radio, television and the newspapers, food, drink and cigarettes and pedantry. Neither writing nor performing was mentioned.

His most recent work was a golfing video, *Peter Cook Talks Golf Balls*, which was well received when it came out last year. In it Cook played four different characters — an irritating American commentator, a boozy Scottish caddy, a retired major and a crazy German shrink.

By his own admission he was quite disposed to smoke and drink too much and in the last few years had become an overweight and shambolic figure. He was seldom prepared to give anyone a straight answer but appeared to be living life in a state of relative contentment.

Peter Cook's first wife was Wendy Snowden, whom he met while at university. They married in 1963 and had two daughters. His second marriage, in 1973, was to Judy Huxtable, the former wife of the set-designer Sean Kenny. In 1989 he married Lin Cong, although the couple lived in separate homes 100 yards apart in Hampstead. His daughters also survive him.

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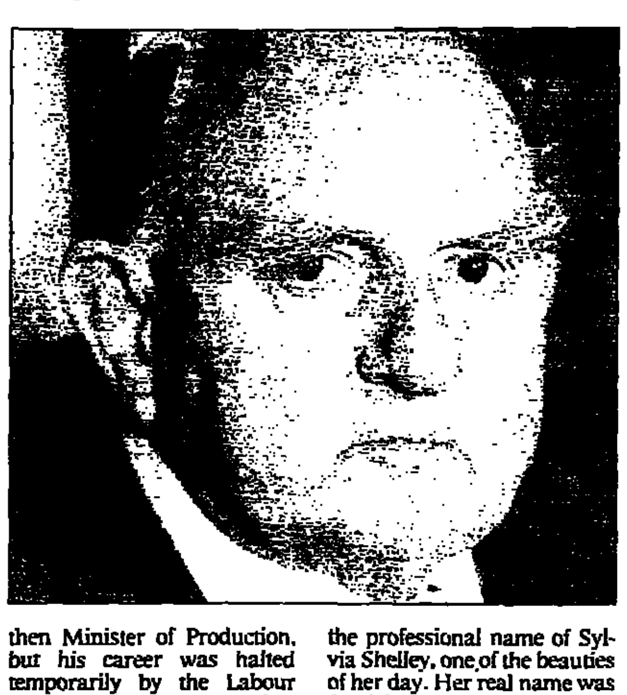

Somerset de Chair, soldier, poet, author and Conservative MP for South West Norfolk, 1935-45, and for South Paddington, 1950-51, died in Antigua on January 5 aged 83. He was born on August 22, 1911.

THE life of Somerset de Chair was as colourful as his name. He possessed charm, wealth and talent. He had four wives, innumerable mistresses and in many ways lived the sort of charmed life that one of Evelyn Waugh's bright young things might have done, except that in his case he was still dedicated to enjoying the pleasures of life in the 1990s. Like so many others, at one time he was spoken of as a future prime minister but a sex scandal ended his political career.

His father was one of Jellicoe's admirals at Jutland who became Governor of New South Wales, where de Chair began his education at King's School, Paramatta. When he went up to Balliol College, Oxford, he drove an open-topped Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost which he used for frequent trips to parties in London, where the pattern of his life became established.

While he was still at Oxford he wrote his first book, *The Impending Storm* (1930), a prophetic account of the menace of Fascism, and before coming down he had published another book, *Divided Europe* (1931), on the perils of Communism. This precosity, combined with his blond good looks and obvious promise, were sufficient to obtain for him the nomination at South West Norfolk, which he duly held for the Conservatives at the 1935 election.

By this time he had married Thelma Arbuthnot, who was rich, charming and public-spirited, the ideal wife for an aspiring young Tory MP. He was on the reserve of officers and joined the Household Cavalry on the outbreak of war. He served in the Middle East and saw action during the Iraqi and Syrian campaigns, where he suffered wounds bad enough to have him invalided out in 1942. His account of the Iraqi campaign, *The Golden Carpet* (1943), has been compared to the work of T. E. Lawrence.

Back in the Commons, he became Parliamentary Private Secretary to Oliver Lyttelton, then Minister of Production, but his career was halted temporarily by the Labour landslide of 1945 when he lost his seat to Sydney Dye, a famous Norfolk figure, who scraped in by 53 votes.

De Chair was thought sufficiently valuable to his party to be adopted soon afterwards for South Paddington, where he was elected in 1950. His innumerable affairs had been largely concealed from Thelma de Chair but she then discovered that for two years he had rented a flat in Belgravia for Carmen Appleton, who was about to have his child. The first Mrs de Chair was a redoubtable figure in Tory circles, a member of the old London County Council and she had overwhelming sympathy in the constituency. When his affair was revealed de Chair was forced to give up his seat — a fate which some modern Conservatives in comparable circumstances have managed to avoid.

He married Carmen Appleton but that marriage also came to grief. This was not because of his infidelities — there were numerous examples of which she was apparently aware — but because of hers. She ran off with a navigator on his 56-ton yacht, *Hairbell*. This was one of the few events in his sexual career which ruffled de Chair. He was known to say ruefully: "And this was the woman for which I had to give up my political career."

However, de Chair took the blame in the divorce court, being cited for "misconduct" with a model who went under the professional name of Sylvia Shelley, one of the beauties of her day. Her real name was Patricia Manlove, and they were married in 1958. But in 1974 that marriage, too, was dissolved.

This was the year of his fourth and last marriage — to Juliet, former wife of the then Marquess of Bristol and the only daughter of Earl Fitzwilliam. Her father had been killed in the crash of the private aircraft in which he was flying to the South of France with Kathleen (Kick) Kennedy, sister of President Kennedy and widow of the Marquess of Hartington, who died with him.

To their marriage — which took place after her divorce, when the Marquess cited de Chair — Juliet de Chair brought a great art collection, including six Van Dycks and seven Stubbses. The de Chairs spent their married life in considerable style, surrounded by their treasures, and dividing their time between their medieval abbey in Essex, their Queen Anne mansion in Kent and their farm in New York State.

After he left politics de Chair wrote prolifically. He produced three novels, three collections of poetry and a play, and edited the memoirs of both Napoleon and his father, Admiral Sir Dudley de Chair. He also wrote particularly revealing volumes of autobiography, detailing his varied life and even more varied loves.

He leaves his widow, three sons and two daughters, one son having predeceased him.

MIRIAM CAMPS

Miriam Camps, international analyst, died from cancer on December 31 in hospital near her home in Little Abington, Cambridge, aged 78. She was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, on July 17, 1916.

AN OFFICIAL of the State Department in the Washington of Presidents Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower, Miriam Camp (as she was born) enjoyed the distinction of having been "present at the creation" — to borrow the title of Dean Acheson's autobiography.

A member of the State Department's Office of European Regional Affairs, she helped to launch the Marshall Plan in 1947 and to establish a year later the Organisation for European Co-operation, set up to fulfil its aims for Western Europe. Professionally, she also followed closely the progress of the Schuman Plan for the Coal and Steel Community, leading eventually to the birth of the European Community — always a favoured objective of American foreign policy. These formative events of her early career shaped her interests for the rest of her life.

An American citizen, Miriam Camp first came to London in 1943 to work in the United States Embassy. Her job was with the US Board of Economic Warfare and her British opposite number was William Anthony Camps, a classical and Augustan scholar who in 1940 had been drafted into the UK Ministry of Economic Warfare. Nine years after the end of the war she married him — enabling her merely to add an "s" to her name — and most of the rest of her life was spent in Cambridge, where her husband ultimately became Master of Pembroke College.

Miriam Camp herself was the daughter of an academic. Her father, Burton Camp, was a mathematics professor at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut. She graduated in history *magna cum laude* in 1937 and obtained a master's degree in political science and economics from Bryn Mawr. She entered US government service, first as "an intern", in 1939 and joined the State Department in 1943.

Her marriage in 1954 compelled her to retire as a US diplomat but she continued to work as a transatlantic consultant, writer and observer, always temperamentally close to the action and dedicated to her own ideas. For much of the later 1950s, she held a joint appointment with the Center for International Affairs at Princeton University and with Political and Economic Planning (PEP) in London: in the 1960s a similar arrangement involved the Royal Institute of International Affairs in London and the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. For two years, 1968-70, spanning the presidencies of Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, she worked full-time in Washington again, as vice-chairman of the Policy Planning Council of the State Department.

In her later, non-official, years she wrote abundantly and was a familiar and respected figure at conferences on European integration and, increasingly later, on world order issues of trade and security. She was a tireless thinker about ways to build up — and, whenever possible, institutionalise — international relations; she knew all the leading actors in the field and was a friend of many. Her thought was bold but detailed and meticulous — both reformist and practical.

Her books, fertilised by her official networks, notably *Britain and the European Community 1955-1963* (1964) and *European Unification in the Sixties: from the Veto to the Crisis* (1966) stand up well to the recent opening of archives of the period. She wrote many monographs, of which *The Management of Interdependence* (1974) was a major example. She was at various times a consultant to bodies such as the Brookings Institution in Washington and the Trilateral Commission in New York; a member of the council of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London; and a Fellow of Wolfson College, Cambridge.

Miriam Camps was a small and collected person with a precise presence, who looked much younger than her years. She felt she had been handicapped early in her career by being a woman and was not only intellectually inventive but tenacious and determined. Liberal and reserved in a manner traditionally attributed to New England, she was nonetheless a good friend with much feeling, kindness and honour, as well as a charm of which she seemed quite unaware.

She is survived by her husband. There were no children.

ON THIS DAY

January 10 1925

The changes along ethnic lines in the Russian republics after the revolution of 1917 caused some concern to those responsible for the defence of India, then part of the British Empire.

RED SCHEMES IN ASIA.

"ETHNIC" REPUBLICS

(FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

It is understood that the attention of those responsible for the study of questions connected with the defence of India has been directed to the situation in Central Asia on account of the recent development of Soviet policy in that region. The Political Bureau of the Russian Communist Party, which is the supreme promoter of the campaign against the British Empire, has decided to supplement the propagandist activities of the Third (Communist) International by action on national lines on the part of the Soviet Government (Government of the U.S.S.R.).

To this end, the whole political situation in Central Asia has been reviewed, and, after a careful study of it, has been recast into new forms. Originally, when the Soviet upheaval took place, the territories of the new republics created in the Central Asiatic possessions of Imperial Russia coincided with the former administrative areas. Now a re-distribution has taken place on a national principle. The names of the Turkestan, Bokhara and Khoresmian (Khivan) republics disappear from the map. The new republics created are—from West to East—the Turkoman and the Uzbeg (the latter with the autonomous Tajik province). Further, the existing Kirghiz Republic is brought eastwards to the Chinese frontier line, but in it an autonomous Kara Kirghiz province has been created. This redistribution on a national principle has been effected in such a way that the population of each new republic or province shall be used to influence kindred ethnic elements just beyond the Asiatic frontiers of the Soviet Union. Thus the Turkoman Republic has for its object to exercise national attraction on the Turkoman tribes living in Persia, like the Goklans and the Solars, and on the several tribes of the same origin which are to be found in Afghanistan in the territory between the Oxus and the Parapomisus chain. In this way, the existing political frontier might gradually lose its significance in the eyes of the local population and a state of political fluidity would be created favourable to further expansion. For this, so Moscow considers, there is material more than sufficient. Persia is full of war-like tribes of Turki origin and it is assumed in Moscow that the Turkoman Republic will become for these tribes a political directing centre.

In the same way it is hoped that the Uzbeg Republic will acquire valuable influence over some of the composite population of Northern Afghanistan. But of especial interests are the plans formed for the Tajik autonomous province. The Tajiks are the remnant of the ancient race of the Transociana, which retreated before the Turki and Mongol invaders into the mountain fastnesses of what is now Ferghana, Bradakshan, and Shugnan. The Tajiks are akin to some of the mountain tribes on the Indian side of the Pamir salient towards Nagar, Hunza and Gilgit, and in Kashmir. The Kirghiz (really the Kirghiz Kaisak) Republic and the Kara Kirghiz autonomous province will, so it is expected, help to bring the peoples in Chinese Turkestan within the Soviet fold.

Behind these activities is the directing hand of Moscow. Whatever the name given to the republics in Central Asia, and whatever their geographical limits, they remain only pawns in the complicated game of the Communist Political Bureau, just as are the shadowy White Russian and Moldavian republics on the European frontier, and with exactly the same object: to appeal to national sentiment across the border and to create a general feeling of unrest that might lead to trouble favourable to intervention by the Red Army.

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Decline and survival of the village shop

THE decline of the village shop has continued over the past three years, according to research that the Rural Development Commission will publish in the next few weeks. In a bid to reverse the tide, the commission has produced a booklet with case studies of 12 village shops showing how they have succeeded.

Only 26 per cent of English parishes were left with a permanent food shop by 1991. The results of the latest survey will show an even lower figure, in spite of a growing awareness of the valuable role the village shop plays in rural communities.

Village Shops Mean Business, the new booklet, shows that all the shop owners work long hours under enormous strain because there is little or no room to delegate responsibility or establish a management structure.

Many shopkeepers, unable to compete with supermarkets on the range of groceries or special offers, compensate with friendly service, long opening hours, a willingness to obtain requested items and home deliveries.

In many cases, groceries are no longer the main source of turnover or profit. New lines of business include videos, photocopying, word processing, dry cleaning and shoe repairs. Many shops have introduced speciality foods, often exploiting a traditional dish.

The booklet says that village shops are vulnerable to sudden change, such as new food hygiene regulations imposed by central government or parking restrictions brought in by the local council. It says it is essential that proprietors find the time to be involved in their local community so that they are included in any process of consultation.

Lord Shuttleworth, chairman of the commission, says: "For the elderly, the disabled and those without a car, the village shop is a vital service. Far too many have closed, but there are still well managed, imaginative shops competing effectively. The aim of this book is to publicise good practice."

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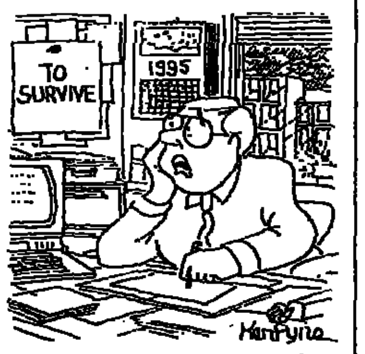

"It's my new year's resolution — every year"

He stoops to conquer

By Rodney Hobson

GREATER awareness of health and safety issues has sent John Dickson's business soaring. He provides peregrine falcons to police rubbish tips, where scavenging seagulls have become an increasing nuisance.

Mr Dickson said: "Wherever birds congregate in large numbers close to man, there is a possible conflict. Seagulls can spread disease from sites taking rotting food. The risk is considerable. The birds can pick up contaminated rubbish and drop it in someone's garden."

With a plentiful supply of food, the seagulls can breed until they reach pest proportions, disrupting the work of refuse operators. "If you get a few thousand seagulls in one area where men are working in heavy machines they can obscure a driver's view and become a risk to his to personal safety," he added.

The scope for the service is considerable. Mr Dickson reckons there are 700 sites in England where seagulls or other scavenging birds present a potential hazard.

He has begun his business with contracts for five sites in East Anglia within reach of his home at Bramford, near Ipswich in Suffolk. In December he reached the national finals of the *Reader's Digest*/Prince's Youth Business Trust awards for new businesses.

With new health regulations being imposed by the European Union, Westminster and local councils, Mr Dickson believes the scope for his services will grow. He said: "Councils see sites where I operate my falcons and say they want them on all their tips."

However, he is expanding cautiously because he sees a clear danger of running into problems with controlling the quality of the service and cash flow. His Native Bird Control company now employs five people including Wayne Burton, and has 20 falcons. Each site is visited five days a week until it is filled and covered with topsoil.

Mr Dickson said: "Falconry was a hobby for some time. Then I wrote to an environmental consultant and he pointed to the market in controlling seagulls on tips. I discovered I could provide the service effectively and that there was a huge market."

For the squeamish about the raw side of nature, he said: "We provide a deterrent rather than an attack. The falcons do not catch many seagulls and those they do are normally sick ones. The seagulls are aware that we are there so there is no element of surprise. Seabirds are part of the eternal circle but so are birds of prey."

The falcons travel at up to 150mph and are rated the fastest creatures on earth. In a year and a half of operating his site patrols Mr Dickson has lost only one bird. It subsequently turned up on a trawler in the North Sea.

ROB HOWARTH

Wayne Burton, of Native Bird Control, going into action with Skye, one of the company's peregrines

BRIEFINGS

Opportunities for companies to raise finance have improved as banks re-enter the lending market, according to the third annual survey of finance for owner managed businesses by Touche Ross, the chartered accountant. Touche says the proportion of companies intending to raise finance in the next 12 months has risen from 33 per cent a year ago to 44 per cent now. The survey covered 250 owner-managed businesses with turnover between £5 million and £150 million.

A service to help advisers to small businesses to monitor trends in the sector has been set up by National Westminster Bank and Durham University Business School. The Small Business Foresight Project will publish a quarterly survey and provide research data.

Len Goldstone, a former IBM employee who used his redundancy money to launch his own company, won the enterprise awards competition held by the Enterprise Agency for South Somerset and West Dorset. His company, Yellow Rock Presentations of Yeovil, is a computer consultancy for opticians. The runner-up was Data-Path Office Network Services, also of Yeovil, which provides cabling for buildings. The other finalists were Phil Flowers Freelance Photography, Kylemore Home Care Domestic Service, Aztec Design and Publishing Services and West Country Care.

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This week *The Times* offers you the opportunity to take a friend to a top show for just 20p — the price of your daily newspaper. You can choose from more than 150 productions at more than 50 theatres around the country.

Simply collect the tokens we'll be publishing each day for the next six days and then choose your show. When you buy one ticket at full price you will receive a second for just 20p. At some regional theatres you can see all the shows in their varied programme and claim a 20p ticket for each of them. A full listing will apear on Saturday.

There's no better time to visit the theatre. London's West End has enjoyed a record year and throughout the country, as pantomimes draw to a close, theatres are unwrapping their plans for a thrill-packed spring season.

Musicals on offer include Sunset Boulevard

Among the comedies on offer in the West End is *The Clandestine Marriage* directed by and starring Nigel Hawthorne. Written in 1776, it is a comedy about the secret love of Fanny Stirling whose father is planning to marry her off to the ageing Lord Ogleby, played by Hawthorne.

Marriage is also proving a problem in another of our comedies, *On Approval*, written by Frederick Lonsdale in 1926. Directed by Sir Peter Hall and starring Martin Jarvis and Anna Carteret, it is about a widow who decides she should spend some time trying out her prospective new husband.

If you'd prefer a bang up to date comedy, choose Tim Firth's *Neville's Island* in which four businessmen, headed by Tony Slattery, come to grief on an endurance weekend in the Lake District.

Top musicals include Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest hit, *Sunset Boulevard*, and one of his earlier successes, *Starlight Express*, shortly to celebrate its eleventh birthday.

Ruthie Henshall and John Gordon Sinclair star as two pen-pal lovers who don't know they actually work together in *She Loves Me*, while George and Ira Gershwin's *Crazy For You* continues to entrance audiences with hits such as "I Got Rhythm", "Embraceable You" and "Someone To Watch Over Me".

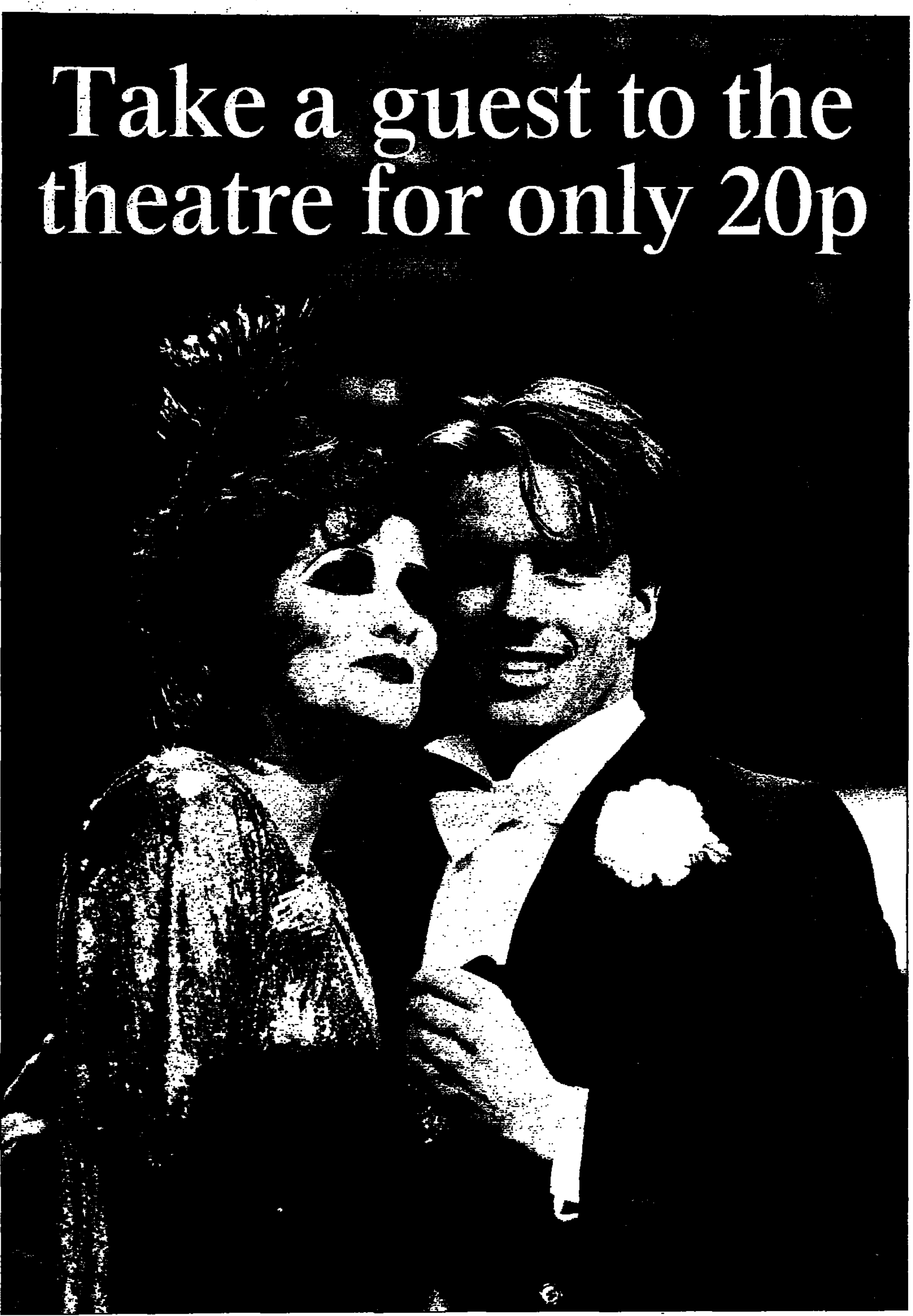
Your 20p ticket could take you to the Caribbean with the hot rhythms of *Once On This Island*, or you could enjoy a tribute to great performers of the past in *The Roy Orbison Story* or *Mama, I Want To Sing*, based on the life of the 1960s singer Doris Troy.

For just 20p you could take a friend to see one of the first performances of a new production of J.B. Priestley's *Dangerous Corner*. From recent successes such as Kay Mellor's *A Passionate Woman* and *The Sisters Rosensweig*, starring Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Lynda Bellingham, to popular revivals such as *The Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie* starring Patricia Hodge and Cheek By Jowl's production of *As You Like It*, you'll be spoilt for choice.

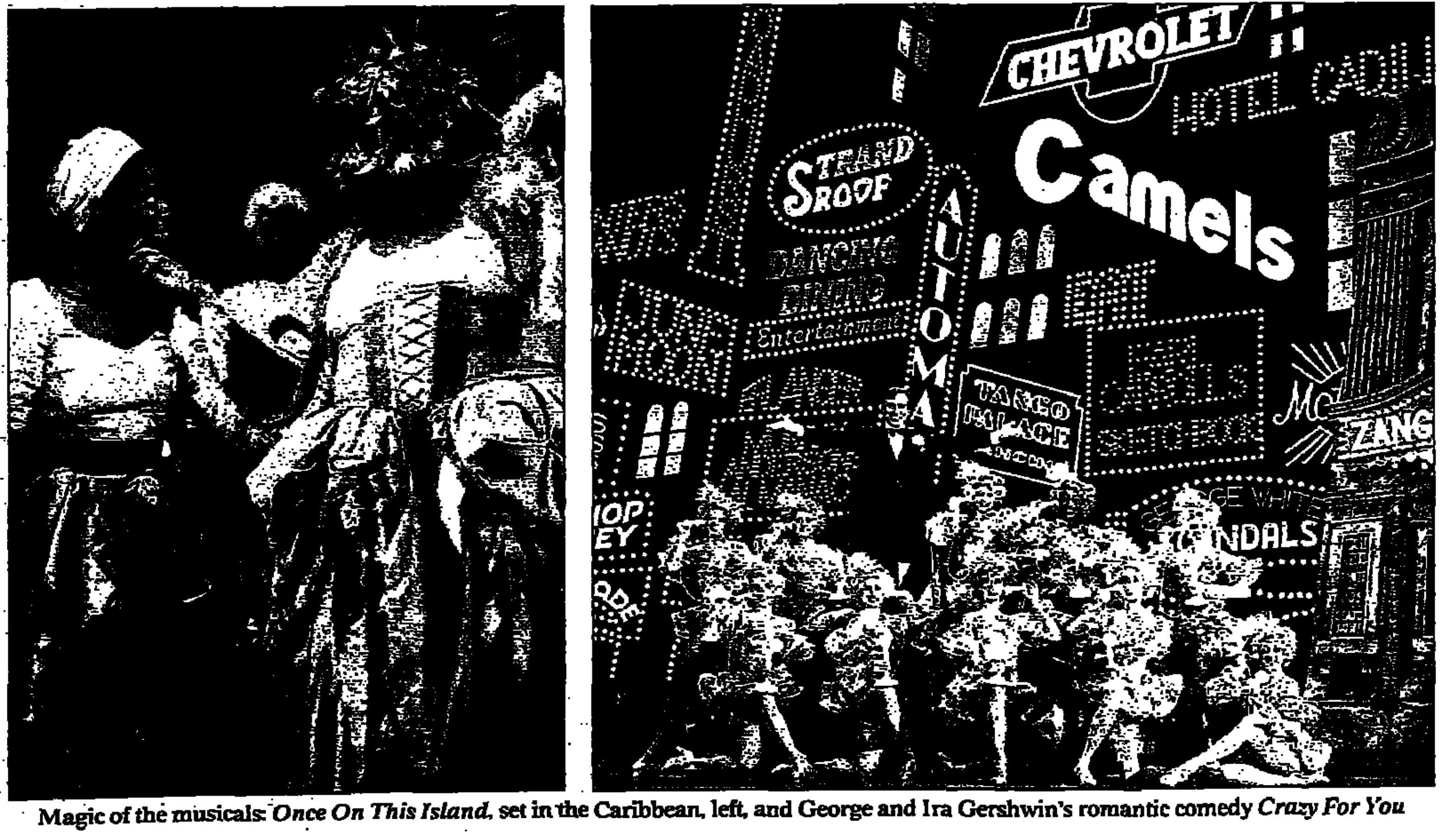
Combine the theatre with a luxury London break

But while the West End may represent the peak of British theatre, there is a wealth of activity outside London. Indeed, many of the West End shows in our offer were first seen in regional theatres. That's why we are offering a selection of shows from some of the country's leading repertory theatres.

You can use your 20p token to visit Birmingham Repertory Theatre (the original home of *Once On This Island*) and enjoy a rare revival of Robin Maugham's *The Servant*, or the delightful Watermill Theatre in Bagnor near Newbury which is built in a converted watermill. The Bolton Octagon is enjoying a tremendous revival in its fortunes and the shows on offer there range from Shakespeare to Machiavelli to Alan Bennett.



Unmatched lovers: Betty Buckley as Norma Desmond and John Barrowman in Andrew Lloyd Webber's latest hit, *Sunset Boulevard*



Magic of the musicals: *Once On This Island*, set in the Caribbean, left, and George and Ira Gershwin's romantic comedy *Crazy For You*

Shakespeare is also on offer in Hammersmith, Bolton, Derby, Ipswich and Cardiff. For contemporary theatre, John Godber, artistic director of Hull Truck Theatre Company, regularly hits a nerve with today's audiences with subjects ranging from disco night life to rugby league. You can see his *Happy Families* in Ipswich, *Teechers* in Darlington, Dartford or Halifax, *Up 'n' Under* in Liverpool or *On The Piste* in Inverness.

Leading touring productions that you can see for 20p include the Dublin Gate Theatre's production of *The Plough and The Stars*, which follows their award-winning production of *Juno and The Paycock* last year. You can see it on tour in Canterbury, Cardiff, Darlington or Edinburgh. Another classic is Somerset Maugham's comedy of social manners, *The Constant Wife*, which is available in Darlington, Woking or Belfast.

If you like theatre at the cutting edge, then try the David Glass Ensemble in their production of Paul Theroux's *The Mosquito Coast* at the Newcastle Playhouse or the Wakefield Theatre Royal, or IOU Theatre's remarkable collaboration with the Creative Jazz Orchestra, *Distance No Object*, at the Victoria Theatre in Halifax.

If you'd prefer to see ballet or dance with your 20p token, you can choose from Birmingham Royal Ballet at Sadler's Wells; Gera Ballet of Thuringen at the Theatre Royal in Bath; Arc Dance Company in Bracknell, V-Tol Dance Company in Bury St Edmunds, Rambert Dance Company in Canterbury, or Phoenix Dance Company in Halifax.

It all adds up to a great opportunity to enjoy theatre at its very best and to save money by taking a friend for *just 20p when you buy* a full-price ticket.

Today we publish our list of theatres in London; on Saturday we will print the list of more than 50 regional theatres.

WEST END THEATRES

Adelphi — 0171 497 9977.
Sunset Boulevard.
Thurs mats until Feb 23. £32.50, plus £8.10 booking fee which is applied to the first ticket only

Albery — 0171 369 1730
As You Like It
Jan 27, 28 evenings Jan 28 mat £19, £17 evening, £13.50 mat

Apollo — 0171 494 5070
Neville's Island–
Until Feb 4: Mon — Wed evenings & Sat mats: £19.50

Apollo Victoria — 0171 497 9977
Starlight Express
Mon — Thurs until Feb 28: £27

Cambridge — 0171 494 5080
Mama, I Want To Sing
Mon — Fri eve, Tues — Sat mats, From Feb 2 — Feb 28: £25

Comedy — 0171 369 1731
A Passionate Woman
Mon Jan 30 to Feb 11: Mon — Thurs eve Wed — Sat mats: £20

Garrick — 0171 494 5085
Fascinating Aida
Until Jan 21: Mon — Wed eve & Sat mats: £17.50

Island — 0171 494 5090
Once On This Island
All Performances until Tues Jan 24: £25

Old Vic — 0171 928 7616
The Sisters Rosensweig
Mon — Fri eves, Weds Sat mats until Feb 28; £22

Piccadilly — 0171 369 1734
Roy Orbison Story
Mon — Fri until Feb 10: £22, Fri £25

On skates: Starlight Express at the Apollo

Playhouse — 0171 839 4401
On Approval
Mons — Thurs, until Feb 4: £20

Prince Edward — 0171-497 9977
Crazy For You
Mon — Thurs until Feb 28: £30

Queen's — 0171 494 5041
Clandestine Marriage
Mon to Wed eve and Sat mats. *Until Feb 4: £20*

Savoy — 0171-497 9977
She Loves Me
Mon — Thurs until Feb 28: £30

Strand 0171-930 8800
Prime Of Miss Jean Brodie
Mon — Thurs eve, mats Thurs and Sat until Jan 28: £20

Whitehall — 0171 369 1735
Dangerous Corner
16 Jan — 25 Feb excl Sat eve; £20

OTHER LONDON THEATRES

Brentford — *Watermans Arts Centre — 0181 568 1176
Leave Taking
Jan 17 - 21: £8.50
Letters From The Yellow Chair
Feb 17 - March 4: £8.50
How To Live
March 10 - 25: £8.50

Hammersmith — *Lyric — 0181 741 2311
The Little Match Girl
Tues 17 - Sat 21 Jan eves: £15, £12.50, £10
Romeo and Juliet
Fri Feb 3, Sat Feb 4 eve: £15

Wimbledon — Wimbledon Theatre — 0181 540 0362
Cinderella
Tues — Thurs eves until Jan 2:

Webber hit: Hollywood at the Adelphi Theatre

£11.50, £10.50, £9.50
La Cage Aux Folles
Wed 1 & Thurs 2 Feb eves: £10

Hammersmith — Riverside Studios — 0181 741 2255
Hancock's Last Half Hour
Jan 23 - Feb 2, Mon to Thurs eves: £9.50

Islington — Sadler's Wells — 0171 713 6000
Lindsay Kemp Company in Cinderella — A Gothic Operetta
Tues 24 — Thurs 26 Jan eves, Saturday 28 Jan mat: £25, £22.50, £17.50
Birmingham Royal Ballet Triple Bill
Tues Feb 7 eve, Wed Feb 8 mat: £30, £20

Richmond — Orange Tree — 081-940 3633
Portrait Of A Woman
14 — 16 and 21 — 23 Feb. Eves £9, mats £6.50

Theatres marked with an asterisk will welcome bookings for all listed shows and offer a 20p ticket for each of them, provided they are all booked at the same time. Other theatres will accept tokens for one production only.

A full list of theatres outside London will be printed on Saturday

London hotel offer

Take up one of these superb offers to see a West End show and then enjoy the added bonus of food and accommodation in the heart of theatreland. Radisson Edwardian Hotels, the official hotel partner to the Society of London Theatre, offers you the chance pay for your room at the *luxury London break rate* and then enjoy a three course lunch or dinner for only 20p per person.

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Enjoy dinner before or after the show. You pay for your three-course meal and your companion pays only 20p. Restaurants include:
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HOW TO APPLY

Collect the six tokens that will be appearing in The Times each day until January 16 and phone the theatre, quoting *The Times* offer.

Tokens can only be exchanged at the theatre box offices with the exception of *Crazy For You*, *She Loves Me*, *Starlight Express* and *Sunset Boulevard which* are available exclusively through First Call.

Full terms and conditions of the offer will be printed later this week.

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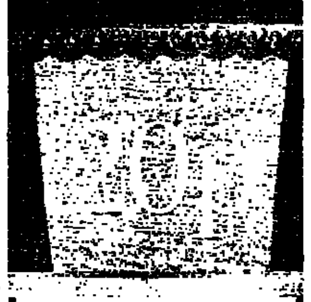

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THE TIMES TODAY

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NEWS

Senior Saatchi men quit in protest

■ Open warfare at the advertising agency Saatchi & Saatchi continued as its acting chairman and two senior managers resigned in protest over the sacking of Maurice Saatchi.

The resignations come less than a week after Mr Saatchi, who founded the company with his brother Charles, announced that he was severing all links with it. He was sacked as chairman before Christmas, under pressure from David Herro, a Chicago fund manager with Harris Associates, which owns 10 per cent of Saatchi's shares............ **Pages 1, 25**

Weary Chechens fight on in capital

■ "There are few signs as yet that the morale of the Chechen fighters is cracking, but they do look intensely tired." Anatol Lieven reports from Grozny as the Russians continue their *pounding* of the city.. **Pages 1, 10**

Lilley cuts call

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, has fuelled the growing Cabinet debate over public spending and taxes by calling for further cutbacks............... **Page 1**

Saudi batons deal

Eight thousand electric shock batons, which are used in crowd *control but are illegal in Britain*, have been supplied to Saudi Arabia by British Aerospace, a company salesman said .... **Pages 1, 2**

Death plunge

Ridley Lamb, the jockey turned trainer, drowned when his car plunged into a harbour after he had drunk more than a gallon of beer................................**Page 3**

Waugh guard dogs

The writer Auberon Waugh and his wife are planning to buy a pair of Dobermann pinscher dogs to guard their Somerset home after burglars broke in and stole valuables for the third time in six months.....................**Page 3**

Another escape

Beleaguered prison officials began investigating another escape as Michael Howard prepared to face fierce questioning from MPs on the Parkhurst prison debacle.........................**Page 4**

Wren reinstated

A former Wren has become the first servicewoman to be reinstated after losing her job when she became pregnant.............**Page 4**

PC injured in protest

A policeman was injured at Shoreham, West Sussex, when protesters demonstrating against the export of livestock to Europe tried to impose a ban on vehicles entering the harbour ....**Page 5**

Defiant Chirac

Jacques Chirac has said that he *has no intention of giving up the* fight for the French presidency in *favour of Edouard Balladur, the* Prime Minister and a fellow *Gaullist*............................**Page 12**

Balanced budget bid

Republicans in Congress have begun work on the most radical measure in the their drive against big government — an amendment to the constitution requiring a balanced budget .... **Page 13**

West Bank dispute

The Middle East peace process struck more obstacles as Shimon Peres and Yassir Arafat failed to resolve the question of continued Jewish settlement in the occupied West Bank.......................**Page 11**

Space record

Russian cosmonaut Valeri Poliakov has broken the record for the longest time in space after spending his 366th day in the Mir space station.................... **Page 10**

Unfit force

The New York Police Department *has embarked on a campaign to* improve the fitness of its officers .... **Page 13**

Peking to Paris: the scenic route

■ An epic 12,000-mile rally from Peking to Paris is to be held again. In 1907, five cars battled over deserts and mountains in the first transcontinental motor rally, an event that could not be repeated after China closed its doors to the outside world. But Peking has given permission for a new version of the rally in 1997, *featuring 50 vintage and classic cars*...................... **Page 8**

DES JENSON

Ian Hislop, left, the editor of *Private Eye*, and Richard Ingrams, the former editor, prepare a tribute to Peter Cook, who died yesterday aged 57. Cook was a founding member and the major shareholder of the satirical magazine. Pages 1, 15, 16, *17*, *19*

BUSINESS

Banking: S G Warburg, which recently called off plans to merge with America's Morgan Stanley, is to make 180 of its staff redundant............................**Page 23**

Electricity bid: Trafalgar House revealed it had already earned £8 million from moves connected with its attempted bid for Northern Electricity ....**Page 23**

Grand Metropolitan: The conglomerate is boosting its American business with the purchase of a group specialising in Mexican recipes and sauces..........................**Page 23**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 index fell *9.2 points to close at 3055.8. Sterling's* trade-weighted index fell *from 79.6 to 79.5 after a rise from* $1.5542 to $1.5547 but a fall from *DM2.4207 to DM2.4155* ....**Page 26**

SPORT

Football: Leeds United's search for a striker ended yesterday with the signing of Anthony Yeboah, the Ghana international, from Eintracht Frankfurt, initially for a year and for a £1.6 million fee.. **Page 44**

Rugby: Paul Burke, formerly the England Under-21 stand-off half, has been selected for the Ireland side to face England in the five nations' championship at Lansdowne Road on January 21 ....**Page 42**

Racing: Lynda Ramsden, the Thirsk trainer, and Russ Garritty, *the jumps jockey, have been* cleared by the Jockey Club over the *running and riding of Top Cees* at a meeting in Edinburgh last *month* ....*Page 41*

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Epic touch: Famed for his controversial staging of Wagner's *Ring* at Bayreuth, Patrice Chéreau has turned to another epic project: the filming of Alexandre Dumas's novel *La Reine Margot*.....**Page 37**

Warhol's beginnings: A London *gallery is showing the early works* of Andy Warhol, revealing that from his youngest days the artist could inject irony into the most innocuous images..............*Page 39*

Body and soul: Soul singer R. Kelly packed Wembley Arena mostly with teenage girls who screamed their pubescent appreciation of his explicit stage act................. Page 38

Kenny's birthday: Veteran jazz sax*ophonist Kenny Wheeler celebrat*ed his 65th birthday in front of an *enthusiastic audience* ....**Page 37**

TOMORROW

IN THE TIMES

■ FOR SALE

Mary, Queen of Scots, *stayed at Cessnock*. For £95,000 you could live there

■ FASHION LINES

Iain R. Webb on designer clothes at high *street prices*

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Food for thought: Julia Llewellyn Smith talks to chefs, restaurant owners and critics about veal and the crate system .... **Page 15**

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Family matters: How do the courts work out what is best for the children of broken marriages?...**Page 35**

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Mr Yeltsin's mishandling of the Chechen rebellion *is sure* to strengthen those who want to end American assistance and return to a strategy of containing rather than *befriending* Russia. That would be a mistake, but some recalibration *of long-term American policy is* warranted — *The New York Times*

Peacekeeping missions sanctioned by the Security Council happen to be pretty much the only use Mr Clinton has found for his armed forces — *The Washington Times*

TV LISTINGS

Preview: Terry Jones, former *Monty Python* stalwart, mixes jokes and serious observations in a series about Christendom's war *against* the Muslims. *The Crusades* (BBC2, 9.30pm) **Review:** *Matthew Bond finds* BBC1's celebration of the National Trust centenary strong on reverence but short on revelation ....**Page 43**

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A new union

Constitutional change is back at the centre of British debate. The question of Scotland's future governance has been put at the heart of Tony Blair's "New Labour" agenda.................................**Page 17**

Active citizens

Events on the Isle of Wight should earn timely recognition for the unsung tier of the special constabulary .... **Page 17**

Cook's broth

It is from Peter Cook that all post-Pythonesque humour traces direct descent — a genre so saleable that British humour has proved as big an export as it was in Chaplin's day .... **Page 17**

COLUMNS

PETER LILLEY

The cost of mortgage protection has to be borne by someone. There is no logic which says that that someone should be the taxpayer Our proposals will mean that everyone who takes out a new mortgage is properly covered against unemployment.................................**Page 16**

BERNARD LEVIN

Many good people, naively shocked, went to Shoreham to stop the traffic in calves by blocking the lorries. But if you sup with the devil, you must remember to bring a long spoon ....**Page 16**

PETER RIDDELL

Within the growing Tory debate about *spending* and taxes, Mr Lilley's speeches show both the lim*its and the potential of what can be* achieved.................................. **Page 9**

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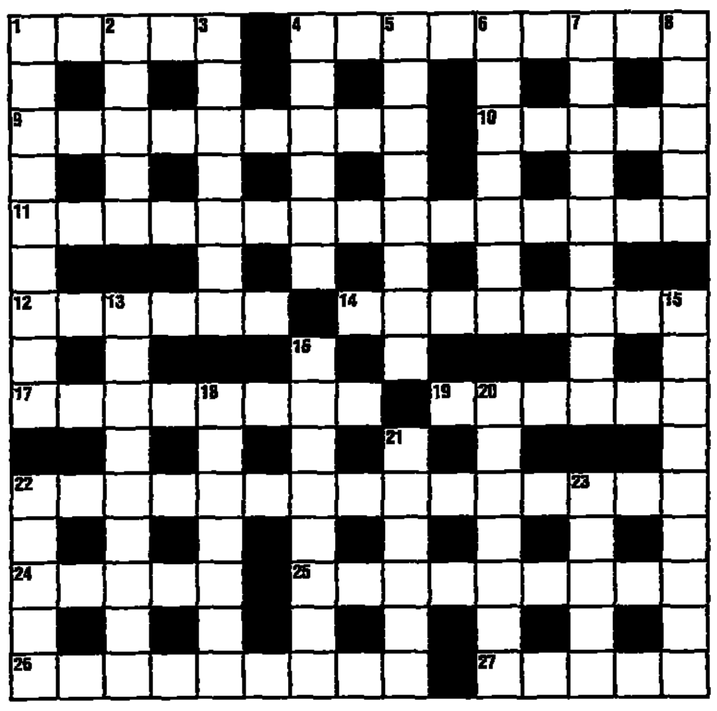

ACROSS

1 Lucky flier receives a medal (5)
4 To punish players, I impose restriction (9)
9 Adapt to present day — get up about noon following the fashion (9)
10 Truffles perhaps give pleasure to soldier (5)
11 Fish supplement sent back by chief in unfair argument (7,8)
12 Knowing statue got broken (6)
14 Stake fruit to make it earlier (8)
17 Finally caught by exotic animal's charm (8)
19 A group of soldiers, back in bed, dropped off (6)
22 Resolution I'd offer the Arabs and similar people (5,2,1,7)
24 Actor in part of wall (5)
25 1/10 — that's about the proportion going over (9)
26 A hitch involving leaf mould (5,4)
27 Soldiers at first completely beyond the pale (5)

DOWN

1 Skips dessert to get car going (4-5)
2 Fly from pole to pole, it would be no big deal (5)
3 Your chest is listened to by a houseman (7)
4 Seasoning, some of which I'll incorporate (6)
5 There's money in marketing magic (8)
6 Provoke one to get new girlfriend (7)
7 Worker — after a year and a night abroad, he gets paid regular amounts (9)
8 Contemplating, for instance, adopting a Chinese principle (5)
13 Much exalted king, skilful and fair (9)
15 Patient suffering, a creed nun cultivated (9)
16 Disrupting a film, the intermission (4-4)
18 Set of cards where 10 turns up instead of one — that's fishy (7)
20 Bill overwhelmed by murderer in show (7)
21 Disappointing finish causes upset (6)
22 Pretend to travel up in public transport (5)
23 Jack is in close (5)

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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Torquay, Devon 13C (55F); lowest day max: Seathwaite, Cumbria 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Kirkwall, Orkney 0.31in; highest sunshine: Manchester Airport 4.7hr.

HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 8.04 am
Sun sets: 4.13 pm
Moon sets 2.06 am
Moon rises 11.54 pm

Full moon January 16

London 4.13 pm to 8.03 am
Bristol 4.23 pm to 8.12 am
Edinburgh 4.02 pm to 8.32 am
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FORECAST

☐ **General:** much of southern England and Wales will be cloudy with occasional rain. Northern England will *start dry but cloud and outbreaks of* rain or snow will spread from the west during the day.

Northern Ireland will be cloudy for the most part with rain at times.

Northern Scotland will have frequent wintry showers. Southern Scotland will start dry but rain with snow over the hills will reach much of the area during the morning.

☐ **London, SE, Central S, NW, Central N, SW England, Midlands, Channel Isles, Wales, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** generally cloudy with outbreaks of rain. Wind strong occasionally gale force westerly. Max 9C (48F).

☐ ***E Anglia, E England:*** *rain or sleet* after a dry start. Wind west to northwest moderate. Max 6C (43F).

☐ **Lake District, NE England, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Argyll:** rain or snow soon setting in, some moderate *falls on the hills*. Wind light to moderate northwest. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee:** mainly dry with sunny periods. Wind light to moderate northwest. Max 5C (41F).

☐ **Aberdeen, Central Highlands, *Moray Firth,* NE, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** bright intervals and frequent showers of sleet or snow. Wind northwest fresh or strong. Max 4C (39F).

☐ **Outlook:** turning colder with overnight frost. Wintry showers becoming *confined to North Sea coasts.*

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	*1.8*	*0.04*	6	43	*b*	*London*	-	*0.09*	*11*	52	*r*
Anglesey	2.8	0.04	9	48	b	Lowestoft	-	0.08	9	48	r
Aspatria	1.5	0.18	7	45	b	Manchester	4.7	0.09	9	48	s
Aviemore	*0.4*	0.15	5	41	sh	Margate	-	0.14	10	50	r
Belfast	3.4	0.14	7	45	sh	Minehead	1.0	0.06	12	54	r
Birmingham	2.3	0.02	9	48	*r*	Morecambe	2.7	0.13	7	45	b
Bournem'th	0.1	0.04	11	52	r	Newcastle	2.9	0.01	7	45	s
Bristol	0.1	0.20	*11*	52	r	*Newquay*	-	*0.02*	11	52	d
Buxton	4.6	0.10	6	43	s	Norwich	-	0.14	9	48	r
Cardiff	1.1	0.11	10	50	r	Nottingham	3.0	-	9	48	s
Colwyn Bay	*1.8*	0.31	8	46	c	Oxford	0.9	0.03	10	50	*r*
Cromer	0.1	0.07	9	48	r	Penzance	1.6	0.07	11	52	d
Doncaster	1.6	-	9	48	b	Plymouth	3.3	-	11	52	s
Edinburgh	2.9	0.02	8	46	sh	Poole	0.1	0.02	11	52	c
Eskdalemuir	0.2	0.11	5	41	sh	Ross-o-wye	1.5	0.04	11	52	r
Exmouth	1.9	-	12	54	b	Scarboro'	2.4	0.04	7	45	s
Falmouth	X	0.09	11	52	r	Scilly Isles	1.6	0.02	11	52	d
Fishguard	X	*0.17*	*10*	*50*	*b*	*Shanklin*	-	*0.04*	*11*	*52*	*r*
Folkestone	-	0.21	10	50	r	Shrewsbury	2.4	0.05	8	46	b
Glasgow	2.1	0.06	8	46	sh	Skegness	-	0.07	7	45	r
Guernsey	-	0.08	*12*	54	d	Southend	-	0.09	10	50	r
Hove	-	0.12	10	50	r	Southport	3.2	0.04	8	46	b
Hunstanton	1.1	0.09	8	46	r	Southsea	-	0.04	11	52	c
Isle of Man	X	0.04	9	48	s	Stornoway	-	0.14	7	45	sh
Jersey	-	0.08	11	52	d	Teignmouth	2.7	-	12	54	s
Kinloss	1.6	0.15	6	43	sh	Tenby	3.2	0.04	9	48	s
Leeds	4.0	0.01	11	52	b	Torquay	2.6	-	13	55	s
Lerwick	-	0.23	6	43	sn	Tynemouth	*2.8*	0.01	*11*	52	b
Leuchars	3.0	0.01	7	45	sh	Weymouth	0.2	-	11	52	c
Liverpool	3.1	0.09	7	45	b						

These are Sunday's figures

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	10	50	s	C'phagn	2	36	s	Madrid	12	54	s	Riyadh	26	79	s
Akrotiri	17	63	f	Corfu	-	--		Majorca	12	54	f	Rome	-	--	
Alex'dria	17	63	f	Dublin	9	48	f	Malaga	16	61	s	Salzburg	-3	27	s
Algiers	11	52	c	Dubrovnik	9	48	c	Malta	-	--		S F'risco	12	54	r
Amst'dm	6	43	f	Faro	17	63	s	Melb'rne	22	72	s	Santiago	29	84	s
Athens	-	--		Florence	-	--		*Mexico C*	18	64	s	*S Paulo*	28	82	c
Bahrain	21	70	s	Frankfurt	0	32	c	Miami	19	66	s	Seoul	1	34	s
Bangkok	30	86	s	Funchal	17	63	c	Milan	-	--		Sing'por	32	90	f
Barbados	*29*	*84*	*f*	*Geneva*	*1*	*34*	*f*	*Montreal*	*-7*	*19*	*s*	*St'kholm*	1	34	s
Barcelona	10	50	s	Gibraltar	15	59	s	Moscow	-6	21	f	Strasb'rg	0	32	c
Beirut	18	64	s	Helsinki	1	34	sn	Munich	-2	28	sn	Sydney	22	72	f
Belgrade	-1	30	*sn*	*Hong K*	25	77	*s*	*Nairobi*	26	79	f	*Tangier*	14	57	s
Berlin	-1	30	fg	Innsbrck	-6	21	f	Naples	-	--		Tel Aviv	19	66	s
Bermuda	21	70	f	Istanbul	7	45	c	N Delhi	14	57	f	Tenerife	18	64	c
Biarritz	10	50	c	Jeddah	28	82	s	N York	1	34	s	*Tokyo*	16	61	s
Borde'x	8	46	f	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Nice	11	52	s	Toronto	-6	21	sn
Brussels	5	41	f	Karachi	25	77	s	Oslo	2	35	f	Tunis	11	52	c
Budapest	-1	30	f	L Palmas	19	66	c	Paris	7	45	f	Valencia	17	63	s
B Aires	29	84	s	Le Touqt	9	48	f	Peking	2	36	s	Vanc'ver	6	43	r
Cairo	18	64	*f*	Lisbon	15	59	s	Perth	26	79	s	Vienna	-1	30	s
Cape Tn	28	82	s	Locarno	2	36	s	Prague	-4	25	sn	Warsaw	-1	30	c
Chicago	-8	18	s	L Angels	15	59	r	Reykjavik	-1	30	c	Wash'ton	5	41	s
Ch'church	15	59	c	Luxembg	1	34	c	Rhodes	-	--		Wel'ngton	15	59	r
Cologne	1	34	c	Luxor	23	73	f	Rio de J	29	84	f	Zurich	-1	30	c

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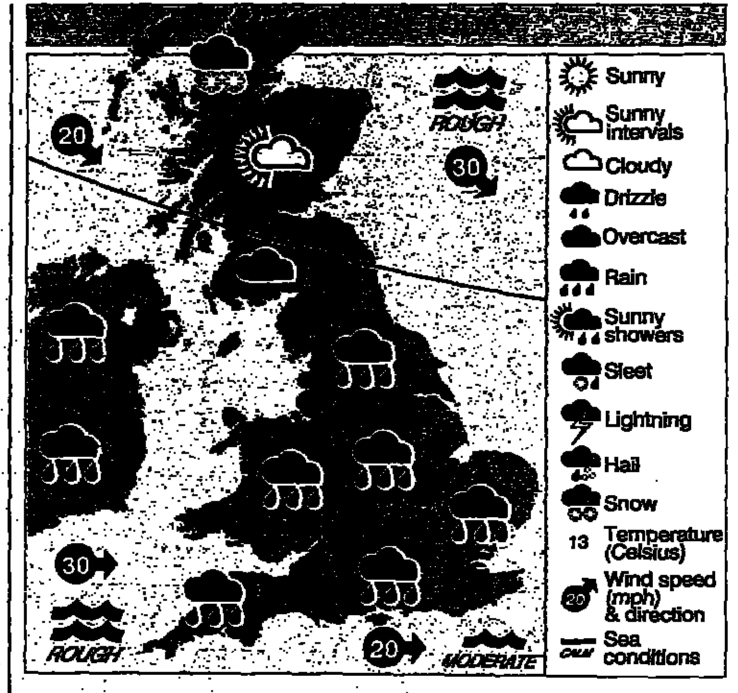

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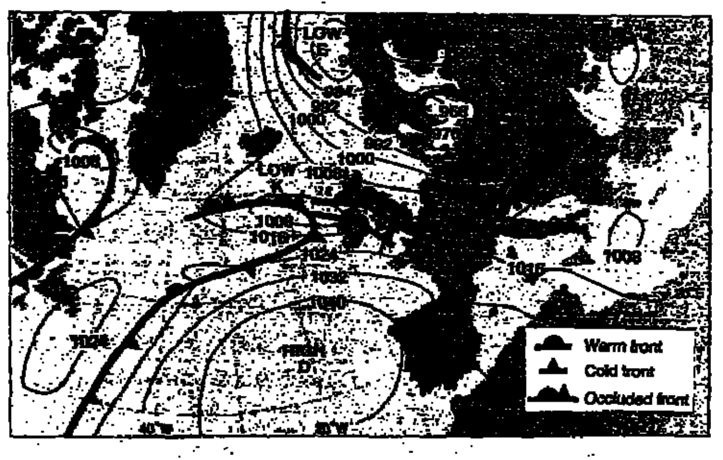

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	7:33	6.14	8:19	6.01	Leith	9:28	4.51	9:56	4.52
Aberdeen	8:19	3.61	8:24	3.59	Liverpool	5:29	7.25	6:02	7.28
Avonmouth	0:40	10.54	1:20	10.34	Lowestoft	3:13	2.22	5:01	2.10
Belfast	5:48	2.87	6:13	2.95	Margate	6:07	4.02	6:48	3.66
Cardiff	0:45	9.33	1:31	9.35	Milford Haven	0:14	5.36	0:49	5.43
Devonport	11:34	4.37	-	-	Newquay	11:55	5.13	-	-
Dover	5:20	5.54	6:10	5.22	Oban	-	-	0:39	3.02
Dublin	6:39	3.38	6:54	3.46	Penzance	11:24	4.36	-	-
Falmouth	11:56	4.19	-	-	Portland	0:04	1.43	0:18	1.42
Glasgow	*6:43*	*3.84*	7:08	*3.81*	*Portsmouth*	*5:33*	4.03	*6:04*	3.71
Harwich	5:51	3.35	6:38	3.24	Shoreham	5:29	5.03	5:59	4.77
Holyhead	5:01	4.40	5:21	4.52	Southampton	5:11	3.88	5:48	3.63
Hull	*0:04*	6.19	1:02	*5.79*	Swansea	*0:09*	7.24	*0:54*	7.26
Ilfracombe	-	-	0:26	7.04	Tees	10:37	4.23	10:54	4.31
King's Lynn	0:47	5.10	1:33	4.92	W'ton-on-Nze	5:46	3.40	6:43	3.29

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Warburg cuts 180 jobs in big shake-up

By Robert Miller

SG WARBURG, one of the City's leading investment houses, is to withdraw from debt-market activities in a number of major foreign currencies and disband its international salesforce for government and corporate debt securities. Warburg said it expected 180 jobs to be lost as a result of the major restructuring.

Lord Cairns, group chief executive of Warburg, which is a publicly quoted company, denied that the reorganisation was a result of the failed merger talks with Morgan Stanley, the US investment bank, which broke down last month.

He said: "A review of our fixed interest business undertaken over the last six months, which was interrupted by the merger discussions with Morgan Stanley and completed after the appointment of a new head of the division, has resulted in the decision that significant changes are necessary in this area to produce acceptable returns."

Talks on a £5 billion marriage with Morgan Stanley foundered on disagreement over the future of Mercury. The link-up would have created the world's biggest investment bank.

Warburg estimated that its restructuring would save about £25 million and release about £125 million of capital. The move would have boosted Warburg's operating revenues in the first six months of the financial year by £7 million.

In a full year, the rationalisation could be expected to increase the group's financial performance by about £40 million. The cost to Warburg in redundancies and other expenses has not been disclosed but is said to be "not material".

Lord Cairns said: "We have built successful worldwide equity, corporate finance and asset management businesses. Whilst a correspondingly large debt franchise is not essential to our continued success, we believe that our energies and financial resources will be best invested in the development of a more limited fixed interest capability."

Warburg, which owns 75 per cent of Mercury Asset Management, said that the businesses being closed, when taken together, "have not earned a satisfactory return over the past five years".

Warburg said that in future it will concentrate its worldwide development on equity, equity-linked and derivative activities and corporate finance and asset management. The reorganisation would create a more compact and profitable unit comprising gilts, sterling bonds and US Treasuries.

Lord Cairns: review

Warburg said it withdraw from making markets in a number of important currencies including, the Belgian franc, the Danish krone, the Dutch guilder, the French franc, the German mark, Italian lire, Japanese yen, Spanish peseta and the Swedish krone.

David Burnett, recently appointed head of Warburg's fixed interest and treasury division, said: "Our restructured fixed interest operations will consist of those activities which have, the aggregate, been consistently profitable and are capable of further development. We will build on this base where we can develop competitive advantage and create significant value for our clients and shareholders.

Mr Burnett continued: "Our fixed interest and treasury product range is now concentrated on those areas where the value we create is more apparent to, and more likely to be rewarded by, our clients." Warburgs shares fell 10p to 674p yesterday.

☐ Smith New Court is to close its Japanese warrants division with the loss of eight jobs. But the stockbroker is to continue to make a market in Japanese equities. Michael Marks, chairman of Smith New Court, said last night: "We have already applied for full membership of the Tokyo stock exhange and we remain committed to the region."

It is understood that Smith New Court took the decision to cut its losses after it appeared there was no likelihood of a revival in the fortunes of the Japanese warrants market in the immediate future.

ROBIN MAYES

Mexican wave: David Nash, left, and George Bull, chief executive, sampled GrandMet's new products yesterday

GrandMet buys £1.7bn Pet

By Martin Waller, deputy city editor

GRAND Metropolitan is boosting further its American foods business with the £1.7 billion agreed purchase of Pet Inc, an American group best known in Europe for its Old El Paso Mexican brands.

The deal is the biggest in the US for GrandMet, also known for drinks brands such as J&B Scotch and Gilbey's gin, since the purchase of the Pillsbury food combine for $5.8 billion six years ago.

The British group is bidding $26 a share for Pet's quoted stock on the New York Stock Exchange, with the blessing of Pet's board. The company, based in St Louis, Missouri, also owns a range of other prepared food brands including soups, waffles, sea foods and pastry products.

GrandMet's best-known food brand is Häagen-Dazs ice cream, sales of which have more than doubled to $850 million in four years. David Nash, chairman and chief executive of the group's food sector, said: "We believe we can take Old El Paso, the Mexican brand, and do a similar kind of job to that we have done on Häagen-Dazs."

The deal will sharply raise borrowings at GrandMet, which in recent years has slimmed down its once substantial debt pile. The purchase will in part be funded with a five-year convertible note issue raising £387 million. But Pet brings with it borrowings of £373 million, and after adjusting for other recent deals GrandMet's total borrowings are expected to rise to £3.3 billion.

Market concern at the new level of borrowings, combined with the ending of the final dividend payment on its shares announced in December, left GrandMet shares 26½p lower at 378p last night. Analysts said the price for Pet was a full but fair one.

Pet was regarded in New York as a potential bid target for much of 1994, and the belief is that its board had probably run out of other potential purchasers when they approached GrandMet in December. The British buyer is looking for cost savings of perhaps £50 million to £60 million a year, the market believes. GrandMet has said that restructuring costs of £120 million would hit the current year's financial results.

Mr Nash said the aim was to raise sales of Pet products by increasing spending on advertising.

The current Pet management has been attempting to promote its products through the trade, through discounts and other incentives to retailers, a strategy that food industry analysts say has failed to work.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3055.8	(-9.2)
Yield	4.22%	
FT-SE A All share	1515.59	(-3.55)
Nikkei	19444.92	(-74.54)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3865.06	(-2.35)*
S&P Composite	460.88	(+0.20)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%*	(5⅝%)
Long Bond	95¹¹⁄₃₂*	(95²⁷⁄₃₂)
Yield	7.91%*	(7.86%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	6½%	(6½%)
Liffe long gilt future (Mar)	100²¹⁄₃₂	(101³⁄₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5580*	(1.5495)
London:		
$	1.5575	(1.5530)
DM	2.4055	(2.4220)
FFr	8.3050	(8.3600)
SFr	2.0171	(2.0346)
Yen	156.27	(157.30)
£ Index	79.5	(79.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5440*	(1.5635)
FFr	5.3300*	(5.4000)
SFr	1.2945*	(1.3100)
Yen	100.33*	(101.38)
$ Index	63.4	(63.5)

Tokyo close Yen 101.15

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Mar)	$16.25	($16.35)

GOLD

London close	$372.35	($375.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Bleak house

Higher interest rates have hit new home sales at Tarmac, the big housebuilder. Falling confidence among home owners has reduced 1994 home sales by Tarmac to 6,267, well below earlier market expectations of 7,000 and short of the 6,500 Tarmac itself was forecasting in September, when it published half-year figures. **Page 25, Tempus 26**

Store wars

Christmas may have gone well for some shops but food retailers face a tough new year because of the high street price wars. **Page 27**

Strong mark puts lira and peseta under pressure

Peso fallout hits Europe

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

WORLD foreign exchange markets suffered a day of extreme volatility and uncertainty yesterday. Two European currencies hit record lows against the mark and the dollar fell sharply after the US Federal Reserve intervened to support the embattled Mexican peso.

The dollar slumped by more than two pfennigs as nervousness on a number of fronts triggered an apparent flight to quality into the German currency. As money poured into the mark, the Spanish peseta and the Italian lira hit record lows.

John Shepperd, chief economist at Yamaichi International Europe, said: "Money left one basket-case currency, is now leaving some more, and finding its way into wherever investors perceive there to be quality."

The US currency was battered with huge sell orders from Europe after Walter Mondale, US Ambassador to Japan, said that America would, if necessary, apply Super 301 trade sanctions against Japan in the two nations' long-running trade dispute. Adding to woes on US trade was a remark by a Commerce Department official that the US trade deficit for 1995 was likely to match the $110 billion recorded last year.

The dollar selling was then exacerbated by the announcement that the Fed was using dollars to buy pesos after a request for help from the central bank of Mexico. A Fed spokesman said that the peso support operation was "consistent with the efforts of the US monetary authorities to assist Mexico in responding to recent financial developments".

The Fed intervened repeatedly in relatively small amounts to prop up the peso which made some headway even as the dollar fell. By midday, trading in New York, the dollar had plunged below DM1.54 from above DM1.56 earlier. The peso strengthened by around 60 centavos to 5.02 to the dollar.

The continuing plight of the peso follows the 29 per cent devaluation of the currency in the week before Christmas and general dissatisfaction with the Mexican authorities' handling of the crisis.

The nervousness surrounding the dollar and the peso spread to perceived weak currencies in Europe, each with their own domestic problems. The Italian bond market and the lira plunged after comments by Antonio Fazio, Governor of the Bank of Italy, which hinted that Italy would raise interest rates. This was compounded by the possibility that Standard & Poor's, the leading credit rating agency, would be reviewing Italy's debt rating over the next few months.

The lira dropped to a new record low against the mark of 1,050.25 compared with the previous low of 1,050.10 set on December 29. Concerns about Italy's very large budget deficit has only been aggravated by the fact that there is no government in place in Rome to tackle the problem.

The Spanish peseta also fell to a new record low and there was panic selling of bonds with yields jumping to 12 per cent. The intensification of selling in Spanish markets was partly triggered by suggestions that Felipe González, Spain's Prime Minister, may be forced to call early elections because of economic problems and allegations of government corruption and wrongdoing.

Yesterday also saw heavy selling of gold, much of it from US-based funds. The price of gold fell to a nine-month low, fixed in London at $372.40 an ounce, the lowest since April, 1994. It closed at $372.45 an ounce, down $2.80.

Sterling was left relatively unmoved by all this activity, closing at 79.5 on its trade weighted index compared with 79.6 at Friday's close.

Tec staff face legal judgment

THE Director of Public Prosecutions is to decide whether to bring charges against employees of a large training organisation after a police investigation into payment irregularities made by one of the Government's business-led training and enterprise councils (Philip Bassett writes).

Consideration of legal action by the Crown Prosecution Service comes after the first bankruptcy of a Tec but at the same time as a report from the National Audit Office yesterday showed marked improvements in Tecs' systems of financial control.

Leaders of Cumbria Tec yesterday confirmed that they had been told by the police that a report had been submitted to the DPP after a police investigation of bogus claims for cash made against the Tec by former employees of JHP Training, a business training provider. The company has admitted the fraud.

Trafalgar gains on power options

By Eric Reguly

TRAFALGAR House yesterday revealed that it has already earned about £8 million from electricity share options with Swiss Bank Corporation, the adviser for its £1.2 billion bid for Northern Electric.

The disclosure came as Trafalgar published its offer for all of Northern shares and told Northern management it had received enough requisitions to demand an extraordinary meeting of shareholders.

At the meeting, which must be held within 49 days, shareholders will be asked to pass a resolution to scrap a company article that prevents a single investor from holding more than 15 per cent of the company. Tony Hadfield, Northern's chief executive, said if the 15 per cent cap is removed, it has to be for the benefit of everyone, not just Trafalgar. Northern will put its own resolution forward, he said.

The options, known as contracts for differences, between Trafalgar and Swiss Bank's corporate finance department were designed to offset the expenses of Trafalgar's bid. A form of derivative similar to oil trading contracts, they allow Trafalgar to benefit from rises in the share price of Northern and other regional electric companies.

Seven contracts were signed on December 16, two days after Trafalgar announced it was "considering" a bid for Northern and three days before the bid was launched. Mr Hadfield said he wants the Stock Exchange and Takeover Panel to examine the contracts "to determine whether they were proper in view of the bid three days later".

Three of the contracts, totalling 3.3 million shares, were related to Northen shares. Smaller ones were related to South Wales Electricity, South Western Electricity, Manweb and London Electricity.

Five contracts were closed on December 21. The rest mature at the end of this year.

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Dissident to stand for Halifax

SERGE LOURIE, the dissident Halifax saver who opposes the proposed merger with the Leeds Permanent Building Society, announced yesterday that he is to stand for election for a seat on the Halifax board (Robert Miller writes).

Mr Lourie has already signed up hundreds of investors to the Halifax Action Group, which he set up in December.

Mr Lourie, a housing consultant and former audit manager with Coopers & Lybrand, the accountant, joins Peter Judge, a Halifax councillor, who announced his decision to stand for the board last week.

To be able to stand, both candidates need to be nominated by 50 members of the Halifax before the new financial year begins on February 1.

In a letter to Jon Foulds, chairman of the Halifax, Mr Lourie said that he felt the proposed merger between the two societies should have been referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission for "proper investigation".

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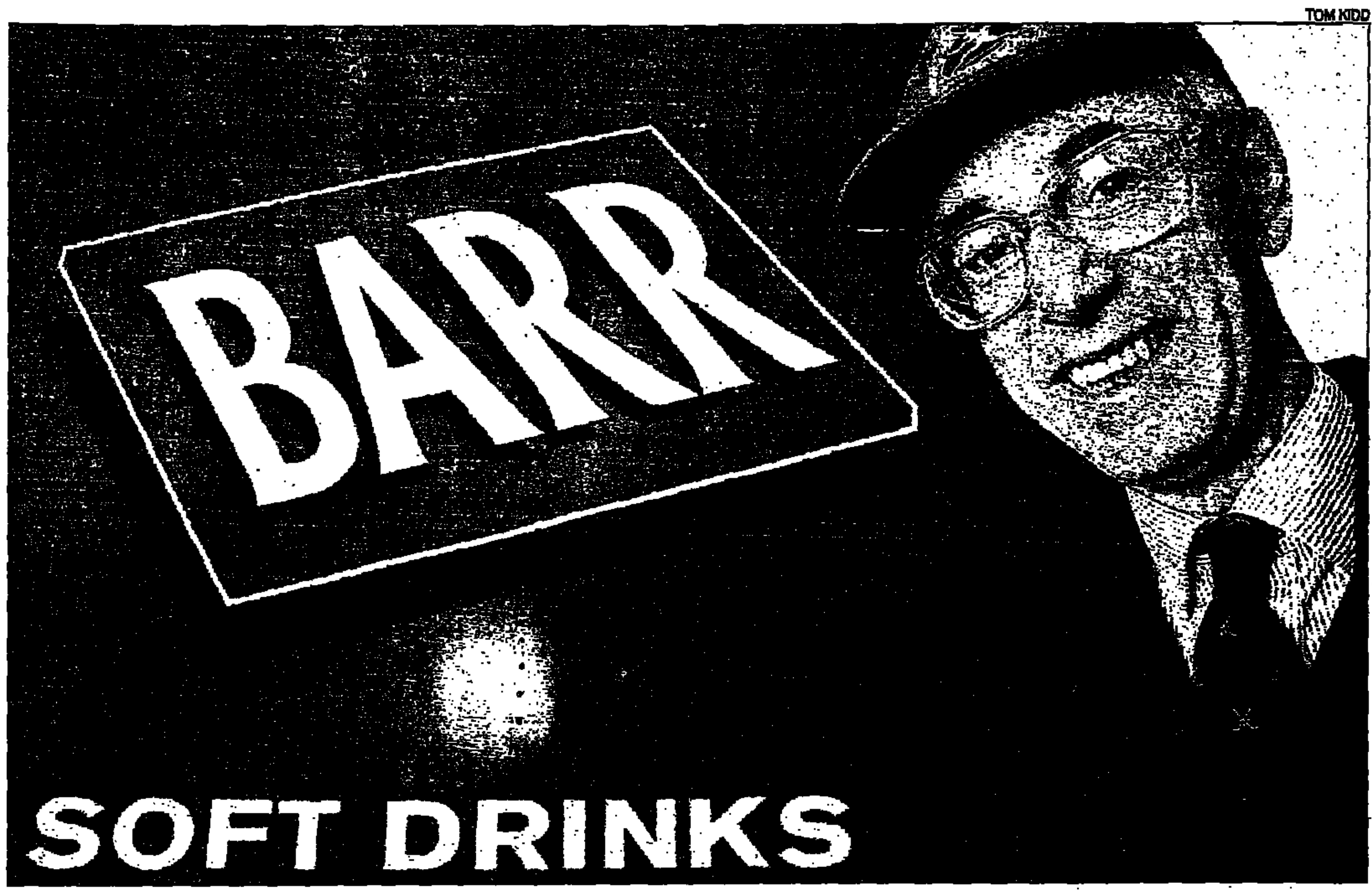

Robin Barr, chairman of the soft drinks group, reported a good summer helped profits but warned the market was becoming more competitive

Cola war forces Barr into increased advertising

By Martin Barrow
City News Editor

THE cola war raging in Britain's supermarkets is forcing AG Barr, the Tizer and Irn-Bru soft drinks group, to redouble marketing efforts, increasing expenditure on advertising.

Robin Barr, chairman of the Glasgow company, yesterday unveiled a rise in profits to £6.7 million before tax from £4.1 million in the previous 12 months. "The uplift in demand caused by the excellent summer weather was very welcome in a market-place which continued to be affected not only by commodity products offered at very low prices, but also by the introduction of various new premium colas by the major mulitple retailers," he said.

Sales of shops' own-label brands were lower during the year, although Barr's labels in the UK enjoyed 5 per cent increases in sales which continued in the first two months of the current year. Declines in sales of retailers' own-label brands have not yet levelled off.

The company warned that packaging prices would almost certainly rise, substantially for cardboard trays.

The total dividend is increased to 7.8p a share from 6.5p, with a 5.8p final, payable from earnings of 24.17p a share, rising from 14.48p. The shares rose 11p to 386p yesterday.

Privatised coal regime attacked by UDM head

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

RJB MINING, the company that now runs Britain's main deep mines, came under sharp attack yesterday from the coal industry's moderate trade union, which warned of possible further pit closures and cast doubt on the company's ability to offer a long-term future for coal.

The Union of Democratic Mineworkers (UDM) combined its attack on RJB with strong criticism of the Government, which it said had now had a "disastrous" effect on Britain's coal industry.

After the Government's privatisation of coal, RJB took over the running of all the deep mines in England from January 1, but Neil Greatrex, president of the UDM, was highly sceptical of the company yesterday in a speech to coal industry leaders.

The UDM was unsuccessful in a joint effort with Coal Investments, led by former British Coal marketing director Malcolm Edwards, to take over parts of the industry on privatisation.

Speaking to the Coal Industry Society, Mr Greatrex called for stability for the industry's workforce, which had "been through hell" over the past two years.

Of Richard Budge, RJB chief executive, he said: "Richard has a lot to do to convince people that what he says regarding a long-term future is true." RJB does not intend to recognise the mining unions.

He warned that over the next two years, further capital spending of up to £200 million would be necessary, and he hoped this could be achieved "without there having to be more casualties".

The UDM leader was "not so optimistic" as RJB about the likely coal purchase and price by the industry's principal customers, National Power and PowerGen, and forecast that by 1998 the generators would be aiming to reduce their consumption from 30 million tonnes to 22 million.

Mr Greatrex attacked the Government for its "disastrous" effect on the coal industry with privatisation. He said of the Government: "It is clear to everyone that they intended to dismantle the industry since 1974, not 1984, and they have now achieved their goal." And he sharply criticised Tim Eggar, Energy Minister, for his "nerve and audacity" in claiming that pits closed by British Coal had been "rejuvenated" by being moved into the private sector.

Provisions hit Simon share price

By Martin Barrow
City News Editor

SIMON Engineering shocked investors yesterday by revealing that further provisions of £5 million would be required to cover unexpected costs arising from restructuring.

The shares fell 7p to 79p, just 5p off a 12-month low, despite a reassurance that lenders remained fully supportive and trading at continuing businesses continued to improve.

Maurice Dixson, chief executive, said the final rationalisation of the company's UK businesses "highlighted further issues" against which an additional provision would be taken, adding, "this is the final step in rationalising the UK operations of the access division," he said.

In September Simon reported a sharply reduced first-half loss of £12.4 million (£52.6 million) and a dramatic improvement in its bad debt position.

Simon countered the yesterday's news of fresh provisions with an upbeat statement on current trading, particularly in the US. Principal lenders agreed to extend all facilities.

Lloyds Bank and Barclays Bank have agreed to continue short-term facilities until the end of 1995 while US noteholders reconfirmed long-term facilities until 2,003.

Companies' rate fears 'threaten recovery'

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITISH companies are in far better health than many believe but more investment is crucial to the recovery continuing and firms are scared that interest rates will rise substantially, according to a new report.

UK Corporate Health Check, published by CCN Group, a provider of business and financial information, said the recovery is in danger of stalling if businesses continue to ignore the fundamental strengths in the economy and hold back on investment. There are, the report concludes, "no signs that businesses are prepared to commit themselves to the investments needed to sustain the recovery" in spite of improved liquidity and profitability.

The report shows that although corporate debt levels have dropped considerably since the recession, they are still high by historical standards. The Government must consider the effects of further increases in interest rates on cash flow and hence the recovery, the report said.

A warning to the Government on interest rates also comes today from the UK 200 Group of Practising Chartered Accountants, whose quarterly economic survey concludes that the economy is well placed to continue the growth, higher export and domestic sales and profit trends of last year but "companies are seriously concerned about further bank rate increases" and the effect of higher commodity prices on costs. The survey shows that nearly 90 per cent of respondents covering a national cross section of manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, farmers and engineering businesses predict further interest rate rises and 72 per cent believe that this will lead to higher prices.

The UK 200 Group confirms a picture of sluggish employment and investment intentions, with only 19 per cent of firms planning to take on more staff against 23 per cent a quarter ago. Capital investment spending plans show only a marginal increase from the 28 per cent of businesses planning higher spending three months ago.

One bright spot in the UK 200 survey — also highlighted by CCN — is the West Midlands, where a record one in three firms said they were planning investment in capital goods and one in five planned to take on more employees.

The CCN report, which analyses corporate trends regionally and sectorally, highlights the fact that companies are still operating at a higher level of financial risk than in the mid-1980s. Gearing is about 55 per cent. Professor Joe Nellis, co-author of the report, believes the level of financial risk leaves companies wary of large investment commitments because of the threat of higher interest rates. But he says that, as long as confidence improves, the stage is set for a "remarkable recovery" in business investment this year.

Banks dismiss Labour's plans

By Robert Miller

BANKS reacted angrily yesterday to Labour Party proposals calling for a new Banking Act so that bank customers who have suffered a 50 per cent rise in charges would "get a better deal".

Gordon Brown, Shadow Chancellor, said in the same period banks had raised profits 50 per cent. "Bank profits were £7 billion last year, are likely to be £10 billion this year and may rise to £12 billion next year," he said.

Among the Labour proposals are a statutory Banking Ombudsman to replace the present voluntary system.

Mr Brown also called for publication of a "basket" of banking prices with contrasts between the different banks, so that people can make comparisons and, for customer contracts with legally enforceable rights which set out in advance what charges are levied.

Tim Sweeney, Director-General of the British Bankers' Association, said: "The Labour proposals are a 1960s agenda with 1960s solutions."

Lloyds Bank said: "We don't know where the Labour Party gets its figures from. Asking us to publish competitors' charges alongside our own is like asking Sainsbury to display the price of a tin of its baked beans with that charged by Safeway and Tesco."

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Owners repossess shops at Athena

THE end may come sooner than expected for Athena, the posters and picture frames retail chain that went into administrative receivership just before Christmas.

Grant Thornton, the receiver, which was called in on December 28, is due to make a statement of progress today. It is expected to quash earlier hopes that a buyer can now be found for a substantial part of the chain.

The 70 landlords, who between them own the 157 Athena outlets, have already started to repossess the properties, rather than renegotiate leases with potential purchasers.

By the end of last week, the bailiffs had been called in to 30 shops, and more are expected to follow. Any buyers flushed out by Pentos, Athena's former parent, have been rejected by the landlords.

Pentos, whose chairman is Bill McGrath, does not deny accusations by angry suppliers that Athena was ordering more stock than usual in the run-up to Christmas. "We were making genuine atampts to save it," a spokesman said. "Trading was improving at that time — it just wasn't improving fast enough."

With no new supplies coming into the shops, the company is now lumbered with unsaleable stocks of Christmas merchandise.

McGrath: suppliers angry

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Top executives go in shake-up at IBM

IBM announced a major executive reshuffle yesterday, and said it had formed a single, unified software group. Louis Gerstner, chairman and chief executive, said he wanted to focus on the marketing of software and on distribution. Two senior vice presidents, Ellen Hancock and Bob LaBant, have resigned. Ms Hancock took over eight months ago as head of IBM's software division, while Mr LaBant headed the company's US sales force. Reports suggested that other senior figures may also step down.

Mr Gerstner said that the new, integrated software group would be directed by John Thompson, another senior vice president, and would include three divisions — software solutions, personal software products and networking software. The hardware businesses, previously headed by Mr Thompson, will become the IBM server group. Nick Donofrio, formerly head of the large scale computing business, has been promoted to group executive to head the server business. The company said it would also unify its worldwide sales and distribution.

Zantac UK go-ahead

GLAXO, the pharmaceutical company, has received approval to sell Zantac, the anti-ulcer drug, without prescription in the UK. Sales will start within the next three months through Glaxo's OTC alliance with Warner Wellcome. OTC Zantac, a 75 mg tablet, will be competing with SmithKline Beecham's Tagamet and Merck's Pepcid. In the year to June 30 sales of Zantac reached £2.4 billion, 42 per cent of total group sales of £5.7 billion. The news helped to lift Glaxo's shares 15p to 686.

M&G targets pensions

M&G, Britain's leading independent unit trust group, yesterday launched a range of personal pension plans with the aim of taking a "significant share" of the market. M&G already manages some £4 billion of pensions money. The three new M&G plans — Personal Retirement, Executive Retirement and a free standing additional voluntary contribution account — will have 100 per cent of all contributions invested directly. M&G's charges are to be taken out subsequently.

Hambros settles claim

HAMBROS Bank has paid £28 million in an out-of-court settlement with Norway's state-owned Guarantee Institute. The institute had demanded £164 million. The payment was made as a result of a claim by the Guarantee Institute relating to the business affairs of the late Hilmar Reksten, a Norwegian shipping magnate, who died in 1980. Hambros said the payment was not an admission of liability for the claim, which it considered to be "ill-founded and in breach of a settlement made more than 12 years ago".

Hodder sales leap 13%

HODDER Headline enjoyed strongly improved sales in the last three months of 1994 with *Schindler's List* an outstanding bestseller earlier in the year, the book publisher said yesterday. On a like-for-like basis, sales jumped 13 per cent during the quarter compared with the corresponding period in 1993. Thomas Keneally's *Schindler's List* contributed £1.7 million to total annual sales of £78 million for the first full year in which Hodder & Stoughton's trading is included.

Victaulic buys rival

VICTAULIC, the pipes and pipe equipment company, has bought a German rival for £2.1 million. Kunstoffwerk Hohn produces polyethylene pressure pipes and specialist fittings for the German water, gas and industrial markets. In addition to the £2.1 million purchase price, Victaulic, based at Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, will pay off a £600,000 loan to Hohn. David Stewart, managing director, of Victaulic, said a key part of the group's strategy was to expand its core businesses into other European markets.

German venture for BT

BT is expected to announce today a joint venture with Viag, the German conglomerate, to penetrate the German telecommunications market, dominated by Deutsche Telekom. Neither BT nor Viag, which is 25 per cent owned by the Bavarian state, would comment. According to reports in Germany, the BT-Viag joint venture initially will offer data transfer services to large corporations. Viag's merger last year with Bayernwerk, an electricity company, gives it access to an extensive communications network.

Mixed year for Refuge

REFUGE Group, the life assurance group, suffered a slide in new business sales during 1994 in spite of a healthy recovery in the second half. Sales of regular premium ordinary business rose more than 10 per cent in the second half but the rise was insufficient to offset the fall in the first half of more than 11 per cent. For the year as a whole, sales slipped from £15 million to £14.6 million. The group's performance in the first half was adversely affected by a retesting and retraining of the sales force.

Nursing homes placing

NURSING Home Properties, the UK's first property investment company to specialise in the purchase and leaseback of modern, purpose-built nursing homes, is to be launched this month through a placing and open offer of ordinary shares. Funds raised through the issue will be enhanced by loan finance arranged through National Westminster Bank. Agreements to acquire £43.5 million of nursing homes have been entered into with four leading operators. A pathfinder prospectus is expected next week.

Airbus flies above Boeing

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

AIRBUS Industrie, the European plane-building consortium, recorded more new orders than arch-rival Boeing during 1994, for the first time in its 20-year history.

The marketing team from Toulouse, lead by Briton Charles Masefield, won 125 firm orders for aircraft during 1994, against 120 obtained by the Boeing team in Seattle.

Actual deliveries from the consortium's Toulouse and Hamburg plants, at 123, were less than half the 270 achieved by Boeing. But last year's deliveries, earning revenues of $8.5 billion, reflect orders from earlier years. In an industry with long delivery cycles, the figures suggest Airbus is making good progress towards its goal of taking half the new aircraft market in the future.

But the Airbus partners, Aérospatiale of France, Deutsche Aerospace, British Aerospace and Casa of Spain, know their creation still has some way to go. Last year's new contracts lift the total outstanding Airbus order book to 615 aircraft, worth $51.8 billion. Boeing, meantime, has outstanding orders for 959 planes.

The increasing success of Airbus in winning market share from Boeing reflects the comparative youth of its products, and the widening range. Starting with the medium-haul wide-body twin-jet, the A300/310, it then moved down into the single-aisle A319/320/321 range. And last year it launched two new wide-body long-haul planes, the A330 twin-jet, and the four-engined A340 for "long thin routes." Only in the jumbo class does Boeing's 747 still have a market to itself. But Boeing is fighting back, cutting costs and improving product support in key new markets, such as China.

And both face continuing competition in parts of their market from McDonnell Douglas, of the US, which has 167 orders for its MD11 wide-body and single-aisle MD80 and MD90.

Production plans at Airbus remain unchanged for 1995, at 130. But like its rivals, it has one over-riding hope for the year: that the modest upswing in demand noted at the end of last year is here to stay.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.14	1.97
Austria Sch	18.04	16.54
Belgium Fr	52.97	48.67
Canada $	2.281	2.121
Cyprus Cyp£	0.782	0.727
Denmark Kr	10.14	9.34
Finland Mkk	8.06	7.36
France Fr	8.86	8.16
Germany Dm	2.58	2.37
Greece Dr	397.00	372.00
Hong Kong $	12.68	11.68
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2635.00	2480.00
Japan Yen	171.00	155.00
Malta	0.614	0.559
Netherlds Gld	2.867	2.637
Norway Kr	11.17	10.37
Portugal Esc	260.00	241.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.30
Spain Pta	215.00	201.00
Sweden Kr	12.33	11.53
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	refer	60000.0
USA $	1.649	1.519

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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO 4215 of 1993
IN BANKRUPTCY
ROGER ANDREW JOHNSON
I, Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above-named bankrupt.
All persons having in their possession any of the effects or assets of the bankrupt must deliver them up to me and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me.
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs to me.
Dated this 5th day of January 1995
J Y Venvil
Trustee in Bankruptcy

QUEERTOONS LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Albert Chambers, 221/233 Chingford Mount Road, London, E4 8LP on 24/1/95 at 11am for the purposes mentioned on Sections 99, 100 & 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, address as above between 10am & 4pm as from 20.1.95.
Dated: 4/1/95. R.G BAILEY DIRECTOR

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF INCA GEMSTONES PLC
NOTICE is given pursuant to the Insolvency Act 1986 Section 98 that a meeting of the creditors of the above named Company will be held at Swedenborg Society, Bury Place, Bloomsbury Way, London WC1 on 18th January 1995 at 3.00 p.m. for the purposes mentioned in the Insolvency Act 1986 Sections 99, 100 and 101
Proxies to be used at the meeting must be lodged with the Company at it's Registered Office at Hutton House, 161/166 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2DY not later than 12 hours on the day before the meeting.
A list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected free of charge at the Registered Office of the Company on the two business days preceeding the meeting of creditors.
10th January 1995
By Order of the Board
D. Hart - (Secretary)

IN THE MATTER OF ASSOCIATED CATERING SUPPLIERS LIMITED AND THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a meeting of the creditors of the above named company convened under the provisions of S.98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, and held on 21 December 1994, I, Melvyn Julian Carter, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU was duly appointed Liquidator of the company
M J Carter
Dated this 21 December 1994

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
Comet Freight Services Limited (In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that I was appointed Joint Liquidator of the above named company which is in Creditors' Voluntary Winding Up, by the Members and Creditors of the Company on the 5th January 1995.
Creditors who have not already done so should submit their claims in writing to me at the following address. 5 Park Court, Pyrford Road, West Byfleet, Surrey KT14 6SD by the 10th February 1995.
Lynn Gibson
Joint Liquidator

NO: 007230 of 1994
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF PEOPLES TRUST & SAVINGS PLC, AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court (Chancery Division) dated 21st December 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £11,000,000 to £6,050,000 and the Minute approved by the Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on 22nd December 1994.
DATED this 10th day of January 1995
Dibb Lupton Broomhead
125 London Wall
London EC2Y 5AE
Solicitors for the above named Company

ARTSTOP LIMITED
(In Administrative Receivership)
REGISTERED NUMBER: 2804705
NATURE OF BUSINESS Printing Design and Typesetters
TRADE CLASSIFICATION: 10
DATE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS 30th November 1994
NAME OF PERSON APPOINTING ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS: National Westminster Bank plc
COLIN GEORGE WISEMAN & PETER ANTHONY LAWRENCE JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
(OFFICE HOLDER NOS. 6712 & 6829) of Booth White,
6 Raleigh House
Admirals Way
Waterside
London, E14 9SN.

The Insolvency Act 1986
OPALS (MIRROR-FLEX) COMPANY LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator by the Members and Creditors on 20th December 1994.
M.R. DORRINGTON, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT IN COMPULSORY LIQUIDATION
NO 5724 of 1994
RE: ALCHEMY MARKETING LIMITED
We, Maurice Withall of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP and Ray Hocking of Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London, W1M 1DA hereby give notice that we have been duly appointed and certified by the Department of Trade as Joint liquidators of the above named company.
All persons having in their possession any of the effects of the company must deliver them to us and all debts due to the company must be paid to us
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs of debt to Ray Hocking at Stoy Hayward, 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA.
DATED THIS 16 DAY OF DECEMBER 1994
M C Withall, R Hocking
Joint Liquidators

NORTON SMITH LIMITED
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above company will be held at Albert Chambers, 221/233 Chingford Mount Road, London, E4 8LP on 25/1/95 at 11am for the purposes mentioned on Sections 99, 100 & 101 of the said Act. A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at the offices of A Segal & Co, address as above between 10am & 4pm as from 23.1.95.
Dated: 4/1/95. K. ELOTT. DIRECTOR

The Insolvency Act 1986
PIETRO LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN and Christopher Morris, Cedric House, 8-9 East Harding Street, London, EC4A 3AS were appointed Joint Liquidators of the said Company by the members and creditors on 16th December 1994. M.R. DORRINGTON, and C MORRIS, Joint Liquidators

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
NO: 10553 of 1992
IN BANKRUPTCY
KENNETH ERIC BURGIN
I, Joan Yvonne Venvil, of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have been duly appointed Trustee in Bankruptcy of the above-named bankrupt.
All persons having in their possession any of the effects or assets of the bankrupt must deliver them up to me and all debts due to the bankrupt must be paid to me.
Creditors who have not yet proved their debts must forward their proofs to me.
Dated this 5th day of January 1995
J Y Venvil
Trustee in Bankruptcy

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVERS
ARGENT INTERNATIONAL LIMITED
Registered Number 1997347
Trading names: Dievis UK
Nature of Business: Wholesale and Distributors of Air Conditioning Equipment
Trade Classification: 16
Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 3 January 1995
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank Plc
P R Copp and C S Kinlan
Joint Administrative Receivers (office holder no(s) 1788 and 8268)
Address: BDO Stoy Hayward
8 Baker Street
London
W1M 1DA

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☐ Saatchi & Saatchi's board in disarray ☐ Customers better served by stronger competition ☐ Questions on Trafalgar's contracts

More deaths at Bates Motel

☐ JUDGING from yesterday's exodus from Saatchi & Saatchi, the David Herro/Charles Scott boardroom coup that ousted Maurice Saatchi will go down as an act of monumental folly. To lose Mr Saatchi was, most certainly, a misfortune, but of a self-inflicted nature. To lose a trio of senior executives — including the acting chairman — smacks of far more than carelessness. It smacks of total mismanagement.

Jeremy Sinclair, the stand-in chairman, is the creative chief of Saatchi & Saatchi Advertising World Wide and is indelibly associated with the Tory Party's campaigns. Bill Muirhead was chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi London, is currently chief executive of the North American operation and spearheads the Tory Party and British Airways accounts. David Kershaw, who succeeded Muirhead as chairman of Saatchi & Saatchi London, covers a breadth of accounts but is a relative newcomer: just 13 years with the firm. Sinclair was a co-founder with Maurice and Charles in 1970, while Muirhead has thrown in the towel after a 23-year stint.

Put another way, the Saatchi & Saatchi trio have chosen to follow their leader and sever links with a board that they unanimously claim is incompetent. Sinclair gives the flavour: "The company is in the grip of people who do not understand the business..."

So why did the directors, where non-executives led by Sir Peter Walters outnumbered the executive six-to-four, bow to the demands of a 33-year-old Chicago fund manager at the crucial board meeting of December 16? The Salome-like cry by Mr Herro, of Harris Associates, for Mr Saatchi's head, was not only opposed by blue chip clients such as Mars and British Airways but also by the executives who have now departed. Mr Saatchi's exit was widely perceived as a camouflaged power play by Mr Scott who, having informed the non-executives in a memo that he supported Mr Saatchi's chairmanship, then let it be known, via his aides, that he did not necessarily mean what he had said. Perhaps Mr Scott should write a final memo. And what of such senior non-executives as Sir Peter, former chairman of BP and Sir Paul Girolami, former Glaxo chief? Why did they not test Mr Herro's threat of an EGM and permit all shareholders to vote on the issues? Hardly much of an ad for corporate governance Cadbury-style. Why, if Walters and Girolami supported Mr Saatchi's chairmanship, did they not resign in mid-December? If, as rumoured, they were talked out of resignation, on what grounds?

Cost of the exit of the Gang of Four is incalculable — witness the 16p plunge in the share price to 124p — a 20 per cent reversal since Mr Herro was allowed to direct strategy. Stand by for action from the US corporate shareholder which has threatened to hold the directors "personally liable for any loss of shareholder value." Saatchi's new name: Bates Motel.

Belabouring the banks

☐ LABOUR is focusing on "grievance politics" instead of the real issues, complains Jeremy Hanley. Well, yes. You don't have to be chairman of the Conservative Party to recognise that the Opposition's new year agenda is far from inspiring, and owes much to continuing hatred of profit. The trouble is that

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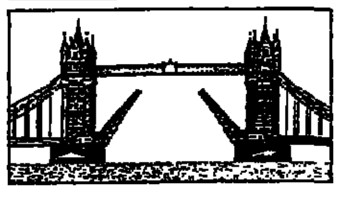

insensitive business and government actions have raised plenty of populist grievances to play on. Having scraped the barrel in attacking privatised utilities, it was logical for Gordon Brown to hit on burgeoning bank profits. Can petrol suppliers and supermarkets be far behind?

Banks are never likely to be popular and rarely deserve to be. Their short-sighted judgment will be as apparent in the buoyant results season, to be opened by TSB this week, as it has been in the series of lemming-like lending fads that have so regularly kept profits low. Just as private customers and small business benefited from the boom-time drive for competition and growth, so they have paid for retrenchment and the latest drive to "maximise shareholder returns". If Barclays results are as forecast, for instance, it will have made a whopping 18 per cent pre-tax return on its total financial resources in 1994. But this has to be set against the pathetic returns in most recent years and returns in mainstream banking are far lower.

Personal and small business customers have much to complain about. If Labour wants to make a spending commitment to set up statutory consumer regulation, that is fine. Banks, having been tardy themselves, can have little complaint. But many small business problems have stemmed from using unsuitable loan instruments, often at customers' behest as well as at the banks'.

Retail customers, infuriated by branch closures, ill-disciplined computers and cavalier treatment, will be better served by stronger competition and more information from private sources such as the Consumers Association. Politicians can genuinely help most by promoting competition. That certainly includes the clearing system. It is more important to resist any trend for banks to take over building societies. One is enough.

Innovation, by way of Zürich

☐ SWISS Bank Corporation has certainly pulled out all its innovative stops for Trafalgar House's bid for Northern Electric. But has it gone too far?

By taking a series of "contracts for differences" — equivalent to options — in Northern and other electricity stocks, Trafalgar has earned about £8 million because the stocks rose on its bid. This looks a cheap insurance policy to pay for the costs of the bid if it fails, or to defray them if it wins. No prior disclosure is required. And it takes much less capital than the familiar and authorised bid tactic of buying a stake in the target firm at the lower prices prevailing before a bid.

This sounds a useful counter to high bid costs, though it would normally be confined to the target company's shares. Like many innovations, however, it raises regulatory issues. SBC *had to* tread carefully to maintain Chinese walls between its corporate financiers and market-makers, who covered the contracts. Orders were routed anonymously via Zürich to ensure its market-makers did not automatically know the buyer planned to bid.

The exemption of bidders from rules against insider trading also comes into question. SBC market-makers seem to own a lot of electricity shares. But if pure derivative markets were used, then Trafalgar's profit would be matched by others' losses. The Takeover Code assumes that no-one loses from a bidder stocking up shares in advance, because that is itself part of the bid process that boosts the shares. The rulemakers will need to think this through.

Mexican wave

☐ THE woes of Mexico's peso are hitting other secondary currencies. Domestic ills put lead into the boots of both lira and peseta yesterday. By contrast, little Austria celebrated access to the European Union by joining the exchange rate mechanism. But, as Eurosceptics might note, that is little more than a gesture now that currencies can vary as much as 15 per cent. Indeed, the ERM is hardly worth boycotting.

Tarmac house sales held back by rises in rate

By Carl Mortished

HIGHER interest rates have hit new house sales at Tarmac, one of the top three housebuilders in the UK. Government efforts to rein back accelerating growth in the economy have hit confidence among homeowners, leaving Tarmac with a shortfall in forecast sales of new houses.

The construction group's end-of-year update on trading showed that better than expected figures from Quarry Products and Building Materials had offset a weak housing market in the second half. "The outturn for the year, therefore, is anticipated to be in line with current market expectations", it predicted, while expecting significant progress this year.

Tarmac, of which Neville Simms is chief executive, sold 6,267 houses last year, well below market expectations of 7,000 early in the year and short of the 6,500 Tarmac was forecasting in September, when it published half-year figures. Margins and operating profits grew, but the slowdown affected legal completions.

The company blames tighter fiscal and monetary policy for the disappointment. "This has meant further taxation increases and two base rate rises since August. As a result, UK consumer confidence remained subdued."

Tarmac shares slipped back 3p to 116p on the trading update and analysts remained confident that the company would achieve market estimates of profit, which average £105 million. Concern focused on the possibility of further mortgage rate increases hitting confidence this year. "The early part of this year looks slow in terms of housing," said Chris Grant of BZW, the broker.

Simms: shortfall

Tarmac continues to buy land and intends to increase volume this year, with more plots bought than sold last year. Tarmac's aggregates business had a better year, with volumes delivered rising between 8 and 10 per cent, in line with the market and price improvements of 6 to 10 per cent across the product range.

Building materials improved: brick and concrete block volumes rose by a fifth, helped by the acquisition of brick factories from Marley in 1993. The industry benefited from a 10 per cent price rise last year. In the UK, concrete products came into profit, while operations in France and Belgium contributed more.

Tarmac is still dogged by difficulties in the UK construction market, where intense competition keeps margins wafer-thin. Overseas, the company has won two tunnel contracts, in Hong Kong and Ireland, worth £150 million.

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Unigate deals in France

UNIGATE'S European expansion plans moved forward yesterday with the acquisition of two French dairy produce firms with combined annual sales in excess of £100 million (Martin Barrow writes).

The British company has bought Prodipal, which produces yoghurts and desserts, and is set to complete the purchase of Vedial, a manufacturer of low-fat spreads. The cost of the two deals is an initial Fr540 million, with a further profit-related consideration of Fr30 million due within three years.

Prodipal has two businesses — Société Nouvelle D'exploitation De La Laitiere De Longueville and Société Laitiere De La Vallée de L'Ourcq — making yoghurts and desserts in north France, with annual sales of Fr460 million.

Vedial makes low-fat spreads in the northeast. Its two principal brands are St Hubert 41 and Le Fleurier. Group sales were Fr497 million in 1993.

The French companies earned combined pre-tax profits of Fr53 million in 1993. Net assets are expected to be Fr33 million at completion, with Fr21 million assumed debts.

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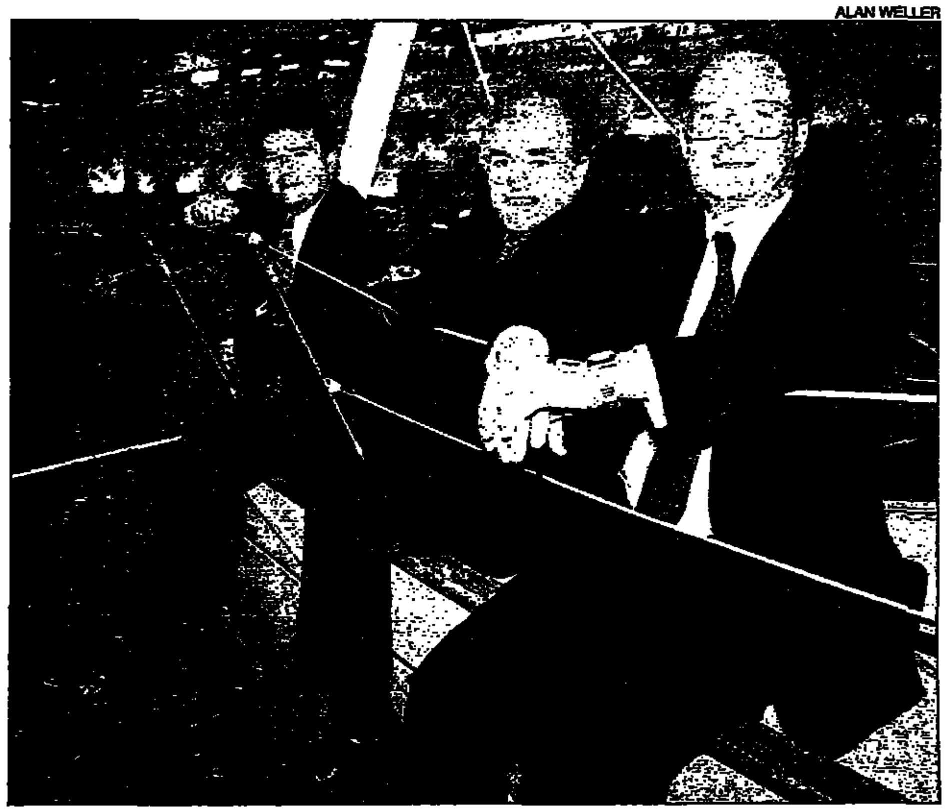
ALAN WELLER



Set fair: Sunsail International's senior team, Chris Gordon, left, Roger Llewellyn and Rupert Green are preparing for a £20 million flotation next month. The sailing holiday specialist reported pre-tax profits of £1.8 million (£1.3 million) for the year to October 31.

Profits rise and £9m buy for Everard

ELLIS & EVERARD, the international chemical distributor, announced the acquisition of two polymer distribution businesses for £9.5 million in cash. Ellis reported a 24 per cent rise in first-half profits, with a 10 per cent rise in the interim dividend.

The company is acquiring Horneman (Holland) BV, based near Amsterdam, a distributor of polypropylene and sythentic rubber to the Dutch market, and Horneman UK, based in London, which distributes polyethylene to the film extrusion market.

Ellis & Everard said profits rose to £10.5 million before tax from £8.5 million in the six months to October 31, on turnover rising to £242.9 million from £211.5 million. Earnings improved to 8.8p a share from 7.2p. The interim dividend is 2.7p (2.45p).

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INCOME STATEMENT	*Six months ended 31 Dec 1994 R000	*Six months ended 31 Dec 1993 R000	Year ended 30 June 1994 R000
Sales revenue	109 669	118 297	238 462
Cost of sales	172 533	176 280	364 190
On-mine costs	169 480	163 042	331 182
Refining and other costs	13 092	7 484	19 559
(Increase)/Decrease in stock	(10 039)	5 754	13 449
Operating loss	(62 864)	(57 983)	(125 728)
Other income	1 145	1 704	6 039
Interest paid	(13 539)	(2 052)	(10 025)
Loss	(75 258)	(58 331)	(129 714)
Transfer to non-distributable reserves	-	-	(3 388)
Accumulated loss, brought forward	(180 225)	(47 123)	(47 123)
Accumulated loss, carried forward	(255 483)	(105 454)	(180 225)
Shares in issue (Thousands)	81 792	81 792	81 792

*Unaudited

BALANCE SHEET	*At 31 Dec 1994 R000	*At 31 Dec 1993 R000	At 30 June 1994 R000
Fixed assets	1 556 159	1 489 185	1 533 933
Loan advanced	21 857	22 317	23 612
Net current assets/(liabilities)	(271 875)	(58 720)	(176 146)
Current assets	75 359	76 362	68 485
Cash	341	(1 581)	3 297
Less current liabilities	347 575	133 501	247 926
	1 306 141	1 452 782	1 381 399
Share capital	1 550 167	1 550 167	1 550 167
Non-distributable reserve	11 457	8 069	11 457
Accumulated loss	(255 483)	(105 454)	(180 225)
	1 306 141	1 452 782	1 381 399

*Unaudited

NOTES:

FINANCIAL RESULTS

The continued low level of mine production and the build-up of precious metals in-process resulted in the substantial loss incurred in the six months to 31 December 1994.

Although metal prices for platinum and palladium were higher than for the same period last year, sales revenues were down as sales volumes were constrained by the reduced refined metal production.

The loan facility of R220 million from The Standard Bank of South Africa Limited was fully drawn down in August 1994 and a bridging loan facility of R100 million has been provided by Gold Fields of South Africa Limited. As at 31 December 1994 R71,3 million of this facility had been utilised.

PRODUCTION RESULTS

The production results are detailed below:

	Six months ended 31 December 1994	Six months ended 31 December 1993	Year ended 30 June 1994
Square metres mined	129 736	132 141	252 396
Tons milled	616 000	621 000	1 146 000
Head grade g/t (3 PGE + Au)	5,7	5,4	5,5
Refined metal produced			
Platinum (kg)	1 440	1 703	3 497
Palladium (kg)	618	788	1 656
Rhodium (kg)	110	134	290

As advised in the 1994 annual report, it has been decided to work towards a revised production target of 27000 square metres per month, equivalent to approximately 110 000 mill tons per month, and an appropriate labour and cost structure.

Little progress was made towards meeting this production target as operations were hampered by low morale and a shortage of and high turnover of skilled staff caused by *the uncertainty surrounding the future of the company. Encouragingly,* however, since the decision to refinance the company was announced in mid-November 1994, an improvement in the attitude of employees has been apparent and this was reflected in record square metres mined for the month of December 1994.

Good progress was made in reducing the labour complement and rationalising costs.

The head grade improved as a result of a reduced stoping width and a concentration of mining on the P2 Subsidiary Reef (previously referred to as the first order Pothole Reef). The metallurgical plants generally operated well although there was an accumulation of in-process precious metals. This was largely as a result of a problem in the drying-plant ahead of the smelter. This matter is receiving attention.

This accumulation, together with a flow through of the reduced mine production during and after the strike in April 1994, resulted in the decrease in refined metal produced.

OUTLOOK

Shareholders were advised in an announcement on 6 January 1995 that the company intends holding a rights issue to raise approximately R500 million. This will enable the company to repay its borrowings, thus eliminating its interest burden. It will also provide the funding necessary to see the company to the self-financing stage, which is expected in the 1996 financial year.

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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

British Gas shares react as bears raise pressure

THE spate of disastrous PR exercises by **British Gas** have started to rub off on the share price, which came under pressure in the Square Mile yesterday. The price ended 5p lower at 308p as almost 10 million shares changed hands, with at least two leading securities houses moving on to the bear tack. Hoare Govett, the broker, is said to be urging clients to switch from British Gas into **BT**, whose shares responded with a rise of 6p to 393p on turnover of more than 12 million.

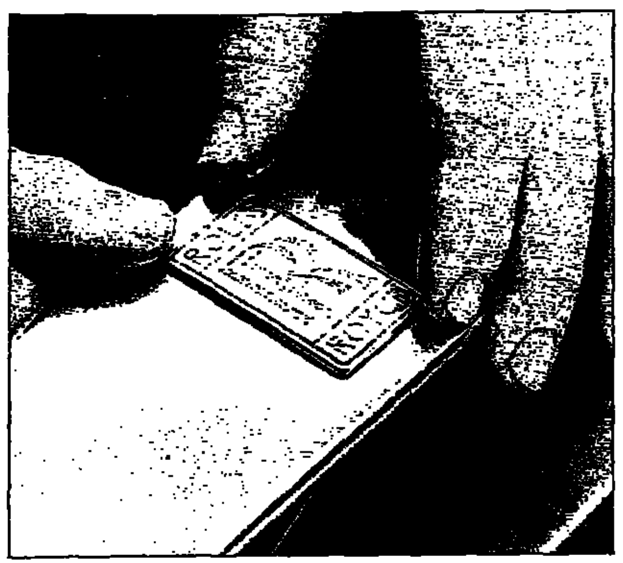
Another broker, BZW, is altering its recommendation from a "buy" to a "hold". BZW *believes Gas shares are fairly* valued. Privately, other brokers take the view that the *sharp rise in the pay of Cedric* Brown, the chief executive, and subsequent calls for pay cuts among its showroom staff, together with proposed price increases, have damaged the group's image.

Elsewhere, the equity market failed to push home the advantage after the positive performance on Friday of both London and New York. The growing prospect of a rise in US interest rates before the end of the month kept investors on the sidelines. Having lost an early lead of less then five points, the FT-SE 100 index closed 9.2 down at 3,055.8 in thin conditions *which saw only 415 million* shares traded.

The banks were in a state of flux before the *forthcoming* dividend season, unsettled by threats from the Labour Party to introduce statutory regulation to curb what it considers the banks' excesses. **Barclays** fell 13p to 596p, **Lloyds**, 5p to 556p, **National Westminster**, 11p to 485p, and **Royal Bank of Scotland**, 6p to 386p.

Saatchi & Saatchi was a late casualty, with the price dropping 16p to 124p as Jeremy Sinclair, the acting *chairman*, resigned, along with Bill Muirhead and David Kershaw, two senior subsidiary *managers. Their move* follows last week's decision by Maurice Saatchi, the *cofounder, to sever his connections* with the company after being ousted as chairman. These latest moves are likely to fuel speculation that Maurice Saatchi will set up a rival agency.

Shares of **Reed International** dropped a further 14p to 779p after Friday's meeting with brokers which has now *led to a number of profit* downgradings.



Better Rolls-Royce sales failed to help Vickers glide ahead

Glaxo climbed 15p to 686p after being given the go-ahead to market Zantac, its anti-ulcer treatement, over the counter in Britain.

SG Warburg fell 10p to 674p as it announced plans to restructure its bond operations with the loss of 180 jobs. The move is expected to save £25 million a year and release £125 million of capital. It comes just weeks after merger talks between Warburg and Morgan Stanley broke down.

Trafalgar House shares were steady at 73p as the company began forcing the pace in its £1.2 billion battle for control of Northern Eelectric. Trafalgar has requested an extraordinary general meeting of Northern shareholders *to alter the company's articles* of association that prevent holdings of more than 15 per cent. *There is mounting speculation* in the Square Mile that the bid will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in order to lay ground rules for any subsequent bids among the RECs. **Northern** seemed unimpressed, ending 4p down at 974p. The £1.7 billion acquisition by **Grand Metropolitan** of *Pet Inc, the American foods* group, brought scant support. The price finished 17¾ lower at 378p after the shares went ex the 8.8p dividend. Grand Met intends to merge its Pillsbury food operation with Pet after making an agreed cash tender offer of $26 a share, funded from existing resources. But the deal also contained yet another charge, of £120 million, which will be included in Grand Met's 1995 *figures*. Brokers were depressed by the news, having been under the impression that there were unlikely to be any further major restructuring charges.

Tarmac retreated 2½p to 116½p after indicating the group was set to return to the black during 1994 and match City expectations of £104 million pre-tax profits, compared with a loss last time of £43.1 million.

Hillsdown, the food to furniture group, fell 4p to 179p before a presentation to brokers later this week. The group said results would be up to scratch.

News of a 4 per cent increase in sales of Rolls-Royce cars last year failed to *lift* **Vickers**, *which ended the* day 3p easier at 170p. The number of models sold grew *from 1,360 to 1,414 worldwide*, although sales in the US declined. Rolls-Royce recently announced a link-up with BMW, the German car manufacturer, to develop a new range of R-R and Bentley models.

Gowrings, the car dealer and fast food group, was steady at 73p on the appointment of Derek Coulson as managing director, and his replacement as finance director by David Gray. John Fowles remains executive chairman.

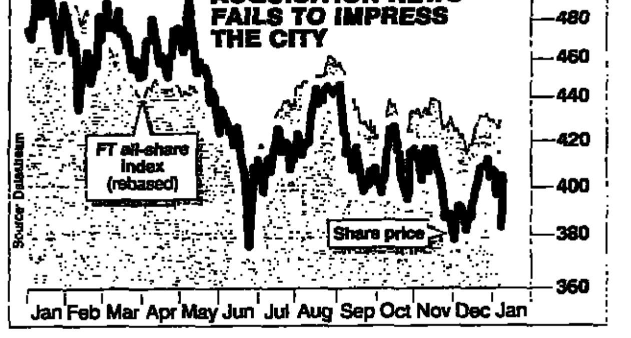
☐ ***GILT-EDGED:*** *Gilts drifted* lower, with US Treasuries and German bunds. *Institutional investors showed little* incentive to open fresh positions before this week's welter of economic data that includesproducer prices, retail sales and the consumer price index. The Bank of England is also expected to announce details on Friday of another gilt auction, which could mean prices of several outstanding taps being cut to make way for the new issue.

In futures, the March series of the long gilt boiled over to end £$^{7}/_{16}$ lower at £100$^{21}/_{32}$ as 46,000 contracts were completed.

At the longer end of the cash market, Treasury 9 per cent *2012 fell £$^{15}/_{32}$ to £103$^{13}/_{32}$*, while in shorts Treasury 9½ per cent slipped eight ticks to £102$^{13}/_{16}$.

☐ **NEW YORK:** At midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 2.35 points at 3,865.06.

EUROPEAN Colour firmed 2½p to 67p, supported by a buy recommendation from Dennis Murphy Campbell, the broker, specialising in smaller companies. It says there is further scope *for improvement*, and is forecasting earnings growth of 46 per cent in the current year.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	3865.06 (-2.35)
S&P Composite	460.88 (+0.20)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	19444.92 (-74.54)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	7528.88 (-154.37)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	414.57 (-0.60)

Sydney:

AO	1858.9 (-8.8)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2059.18 (+5.26)

Singapore:

Straits	2181.66 (-27.71)

Brussels:

General	7225.38 (+19.88)

Paris:

CAC-40	1864.22 (-22.18)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	652.90 (+2.00)

London:

FT 30	2348.0 (-9.2)
FT 100	3055.8 (-9.2)
FT-SE Mid 250	3477.1 (-2.5)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1323.64 (-3.75)
FT A All-Share	1515.59 (-3.55)
FT Non Financials	1645.78 (-2.11)
FT Gold Mines	225.5 (-8.7)
FT Fixed Interest	109.23 (-0.09)
FT Govt Secs	90.79 (-0.07)
Bargains	19228
SEAQ Volume	415.1m
USM (Datastrm)	149.43 (+0.04)
US$	1.5547 (+0.0005)
German Mark	2.4155 (-0.0052)
Exchange Index	79.5 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2718
£:SDR	1.0749
RPI	145.3 Nov (2.6%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Asset Mngmnt Inv (100)	99	...
BSkyB	248	+2
British Assets Gth	62	+ ½
Clydeport	168	...
First Russ Fts ($10)	600	...
Fleming Nat Res (100)	91	...
For & Col Emrg C (100)	96	-2
Grtmre Mcro Uts (500)	508	...
Hill Hire	102	...
Hydro Int (80)	83	...
Innovative Techs (120)	123	...
Invstrs Cap	88	- ½
Invstrs Cap Inc An	37	- ½
Kiln Capital (100)	100	...
Leg & Gen Rec (100)	97	...
MICE Group (3)	3¼	...
Matheson Lds IT (100)	85	...
Pentex Oil	118	-6
RM (175)	206	...
Residential Prop	103	...
SeaPerfect (120)	128	...
TeleWest Comm (182)	168	+1
Wellington Under (100)	102	...
Woodchester Uts	123	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

OMI n/p (37)	2	...
Powell Duffryn n/p (440)	56	+3
Tomrrws Leis n/p (10)	½	...
Trio n/p (25)	¼	...
Verity n/p (7½)	½	...
Wlkr Grnbnk n/p (90)	7	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Hambros	252p (+12p)
Booker	400p (+10p)

FALLS:

Nat West	485p (-11p)
GKN	561p (-14p)
TI	357p (-16p)

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TEMPUS

Chilli reception

NO-ONE could accuse Grand Metropolitan of lacking vision. But the plan to create another Haãgen-Dazs out of Old El Paso Mexican recipes might prove a little more *difficult than removing the chilli sauce from* the sheets after the inevitable steamy advertising photo-shoot.

Old El Paso, dimly known on this side of the Atlantic, and the less well-known Progresso Italian range are both medium-sized brands, each enjoying sales of $350 million a year, that GrandMet hopes to push *into the mega-brand category*, like Haãgen-Dazs ice cream, with sales of $1 billion.

Clearly the need will be to export the brands more outside their America heartland, and it is only fair to question whether tacos and refried beans have the international appeal of ice cream. But Pillsbury's marketing abilities are proven, and a big US food purchase was the obvious next step for GrandMet. With the benefit of hindsight, GrandMet would probably accept that Pillsbury took longer to turn *round than* had been hoped. However, the eventual success of that job provides a base from which to build the Pet brands in the future.

As to the financials, 21 times' earnings looks generous but was probably needed to clinch the agreement of the Pet board. The price also represents twice annual sales from Pet, which contrasts favourably with almost five times' paid by Batchelors recently for the comparable Pace business. The purchase pushes Pillsbury *from a lowly 14th in size among US* food groups to seventh, within striking distance of the likes of Sara Lee, General Mills and Nabisco.

Tarmac

HAVING once been the saviour of the construction sector, housebuilding is starting to look a bit green. Profits are still being made, but companies like Tarmac need volume to keep margins up and homeowners are not co-operating.

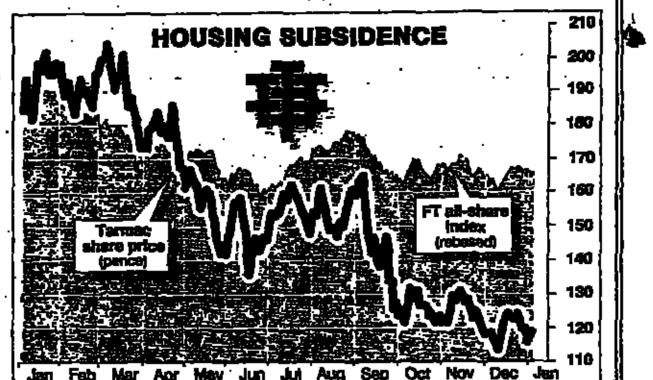
Early in the year, forecasters were predicting that Tarmac would sell about 7,000 units in 1994 but by September, interest rates were rising and the company moderated *expectations. In the end*, less than 6,300 houses were sold and there seems little chance of *Tarmac meeting 1993's* total of 7,300 units in 1995.

Fortunately, the group has other pots on the range that are simmering nicely: Tarmac expects that profits from aggregates and bricks and blocks will make up the shortfall from housebuilding. Assuming that the industry does not spoil the price recovery by building too much capacity, Tarmac should continue to make money from bricks this year.

But with more interest rate rises on the way, housing will look bleak for most of this year.

Tarmac and others continue to drive up land prices buying more *plots* while the price of timber, plasterboard bricks and blocks eats into margins.

Mortgages may look cheap on long-range statistics but without confidence homebuyers will continue to window-shop and companies like Tarmac may wish they had bought less land in 1994.



Unigate

AFTER all the fuss about the cost of milk in Britain, Unigate investors will be relieved to learn that their company *now has a stake in a market* where the daily litre costs less. Yesterday's deals are *Unigate's first venture on to* the Continent and while the addition of £100 million of French sales amounts to little in a company with turnover of almost £2 billion, signs that a restructured Unigate has reduced its exposure to the difficult UK milk market are welcome.

With Vedial, Unigate is buying — subject to competition clearance — two brands of low-fat spread which account for about half of the French market. Unigate is well-equipped to make the *most of it, given that the* products are made using the same technology as Unigate's *own St Ivel Gold.*

The Prodipal dessert brands have a smaller share, about 4 per cent of the yoghurt market and produce a cheaper product than Unigate's Shape. The latter wants to extend the market of the French flavoured yoghurts into Spain but the real *synergies may be closer to* home. Higher milk prices have spoilt margins on *Unigate's* milk-based foods at the same time as the UK market was flooded with imports. Unigate now has a Gallic manufacturer that it can use to fend off cheap foreign imports and defend its own brands.

Unigate is looking inexpensive at about 10-11 times earnings in 1995 but investors may be wise to hold off buying. A restructuring charge of some £20-50 million is expected because of the new milk regime but meanwhile, Unigate has acquired a *toehold in a new market*.

Ellis & Everard

THE price explosion in commodity chemicals was a mixed blessing for Ellis & Everard. The company buys tanker loads from bulk manufacturers and sells drums and bags to end-users for short-term delivery. The way to make money in this *business is not to be caught long* or short when the price is moving fast.

Happily for Ellis, the evidence suggests that in the first half, the company had enough stock to keep ahead of the worst of the inflation. Profits were up by almost a quarter and the market is expecting £20 million for the full year. Yesterday's acquisition is the first important expansion *across the Channel*, which will double the group's turnover in polymers and gain access to a larger European customer base.

Price inflation has not left Ellis unscathed, with a sharp increase in *investment* and gearing, but the prices should rise at a lower rate in *the current year and Ellis has* shown it can weather the worst of the storm and reap the benefits.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Mar	992-991	May	1046-1044
May	992-991	Jul	1057-1053
Jul	1002-1001	Sep	1068-1066
Sep	1013-1012	Dec	1085-1077
Dec	1025-1023		
Mar	1036-1035		Volume: 8327

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jan	2920-2815	Sep	2825-2817
Mar	2845-2840	Nov	2840-2830
May	2818-2815	Jan	2855-2851
Jul	2805-2800		Volume 3149

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Oct	373.3-72.5
Spot: 426.5		Dec	366.9-64.5
Mar	422.0-21.5	Mar	360.8-57.6
May	419.3-18.5	May	360.8-55.2
Aug	403.0-02.5		Volume 1616

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on January 6

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	73.34	91.90	122.21
(+/-)	-8.06	n/c	+0.62
Eng/Wales:	73.34	119.66	122.32
(+/-)	-8.06	+0.90	+1.03
(%)	+80.0	+69.0	+55.0
Scotland:	n/a	125.49	121.41
(+/-)	—	+7.80	-4.43
(%)	—	+78.0	...

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.15	-0.35
Brent 15 day (Feb)	16.40	-0.30
Brent 15 day (Mar)	16.25	-0.30
W Texas Intermediate (Feb)	17.55	-0.35
W Texas Intermediate (Mar)	17.55	-0.30

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 164 (-2)	O: 166 (-2)
Gasoil EEC	147 (-3)	149 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Feb	146 (-3)	148 (-4)
Non EEC 1H Mar	147 (-3)	150 (-5)
3.5 Fuel Oil	110 (-2)	112 (-2)
Naphtha	158 (-1)	160 (-1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Jan	142.75-43.00	Apr	147.25-47.50
Feb	145.25-45.50	May	147.50-47.75
Mar	147.00-47.25		Vol: 22862

BRENT (6.00pm)

Feb	16.40-16.41	May	16.22-16.25
Mar	16.26-16.28	Jun	16.23-16.25
Apr	16.23-16.25		Vol: 24046

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Jan	107.30	Jan	103.50
Mar	108.30	Mar	105.50
May	110.10	May	107.50
Jul	111.90	Sep	96.00
Sep	97.00	Nov	97.55
Volume: 104		Volume: 36	

POTATO (£/t)	Open	Close
Apr	293.0	279.5
May	unq	312.5
Jun	unq	—
		Volume: 99

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)

Feb 109.75-110.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jan 95	2070	2060	2060
Feb 95	2080	2070	2070
Mar 95	2075	2070	2060
Apr 95	2010	2000	2000
Vol: 253 lots		Open Interest: 3643	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2982.0-2983.0	2972.0-2973.0	155450
Lead ($/tonne)	663.00-664.00	675.00-676.50	177950
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1145.0-1146.0	1166.0-1167.0	269400
Tin ($/tonne)	5990.0-6000.0	6075.0-6085.0	20755
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	*2018.0-2018.5*	*2045.0-2046.0*	*140775*
Nickel ($/tonne)	9135.0-9140.0	9290.0-9291.0	71124

LIFFE OPTIONS

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LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 58696	Mar 95	3082.0	3090.0	3060.0	3071.0	8600
	Jun 95				3084.5	0
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3965	Mar 95				3495.0	0
	Jun 95					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 416430	Mar 95	92.69	92.79	92.69	92.74	35245
	Jun 95	91.93	92.07	91.93	92.01	20653
	Sep 95	91.44	91.56	91.44	91.51	11050
Three Mth Eurodollar Previous open interest: 2076	Mar 95				92.92	0
	Jun 95	92.20	92.21	92.20	92.19	172
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 668832	Mar 95	94.51	94.56	94.51	94.53	27758
	Jun 95	94.06	94.11	94.05	94.07	23871
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 92250	Mar 95	100-31	101-08	100-13	100-21	46347
	Jun 95				100-28	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Mar 95	107.80	107.90	107.75	107.90	1658
	Jun 95				107.20	0
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 186218	Mar 95	88.54	88.74	88.31	88.44	99310
	Jun 95	87.95	88.10	87.95	87.86	216
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 19684	Mar 95	93.30	93.37	93.30	93.32	1280
	Jun 95	92.82	92.88	92.81	92.85	826
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 35740	Mar 95	95.58	95.61	95.56	95.60	3619
	Jun 95	95.29	95.30	95.25	95.28	758
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 44779	Mar 95	97.70	98.48	97.30	97.56	34407
	Jun 95	97.52	97.52	97.50	96.85	35

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6¼ Finance Hse 6¼

Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 7 Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅞

Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 6¼ : 3 mth 6¼ . Sell: 2 mth 6 : 3 mth: 6⅛ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5$^{27}/_{32}$	6⅛-6⅛	6$^{5}/_{16}$-6$^{3}/_{16}$	6⅞-6⅝	
Sterling Money Rates:	6⅛-5$^{31}/_{32}$	6⅛-6⅛	6$^{5}/_{16}$-6$^{3}/_{16}$	7-6$^{13}/_{16}$	7⅝-7⅜
Interbank:	6⅛-5$^{31}/_{32}$	6⅛-6⅛	6$^{5}/_{16}$-6$^{3}/_{16}$	7-6$^{13}/_{16}$	7⅝-7⅜

Overnight: open 6 , close 7½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	6	n/a	6⅛	6$^{11}/_{16}$	7½
Sterling CDs:	5$^{31}/_{32}$-5$^{29}/_{32}$	6⅛-6⅛	6$^{11}/_{32}$-6$^{11}/_{32}$	6$^{11}/_{16}$-6⅝	7⅝-7⅜
Dollar CDs:	5.80	n/a	6.28	6.78	7.57
Building Society CDs:	6-5$^{15}/_{16}$	6⅛-6⅛	6¼-6⅛	7-6$^{13}/_{16}$	7$^{9}/_{16}$-7$^{11}/_{16}$

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Nov 30, 1994 Agreed rates *Dec 26, 1994 to Jan 24, 1995 Scheme III: 7.39 %. Reference rate Nov 1, 1994 to Nov 30,* 1994 Scheme IV & V: 6.107 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-5¼	5⅞-5¾	6¼-6⅛	6⅞-6¾	5¼-4¼
Deutschemark:	4$^{15}/_{16}$-4$^{13}/_{16}$	5-4$^{13}/_{16}$	5⅛-5	5½-5⅜	5¼-4¼
French Franc:	5½-5⅛	5¾-5½	6-5⅞	6⅝-6$^{7}/_{16}$	6-5
Swiss Franc:	3$^{15}/_{16}$-3¾	3$^{15}/_{16}$-4$^{13}/_{16}$	4$^{5}/_{16}$-4$^{3}/_{16}$	4$^{11}/_{16}$-4$^{9}/_{16}$	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2¼-2	2⅛-2⅛	2⅛-2⅛	2½-2⅜	2¼-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $372.45-372.85 **Close:** $372.10-372.60 **High:** $373.00-373.50 **Low:** $371.00-371.50 **AM:** $372.45 **PM:** $372.40

Krugerrand: $241.00-243.00 (£374.00-376.00)

Platinum: $405.00 (£260.45) **Silver:** $4.69 (£3.015) **Palladium:** $153.75 (£98.05)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Jan 9	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6929-2.7200	2.6939-2.6963	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Brussels	49.69-50.00	49.69-49.80	6-2pr	17-12pr
Copenhagen	9.4540-9.5430	9.4540-9.4680	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅞pr
Dublin	1.0085-1.0115	1.0086-1.0113	4-1pr	4pr-1ds
Frankfurt	2.4036-2.4280	2.4036-2.4068	⅛-⅛pr	⅞-⅛pr
Lisbon	247.22-249.77	247.22-247.85	85-95ds	241-271ds
Madrid	207.41-208.04	207.70-208.00	44-57ds	123-160ds
Milan	2523.20-2536.10	2523.20-2526.50	5-7ds	14-17ds
Montreal	2.1779-2.1909	2.1876-2.1909	0.08-0.02pr	0.04-0.07ds
New York	1.5526-1.5580	1.5570-1.5580	0.03-0.02pr	0.06-0.02pr
Oslo	10.4950-10.5890	10.4950-10.5110	⅛-⅛pr	2⅛-1⅛pr
Paris	8.2980-8.3830	8.2980-8.3120	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-⅛pr
Stockholm	11.6230-11.7070	11.6230-11.6470	1⅛-2ds	4⅛-5⅛ds
Tokyo	156.13-157.02	156.13-156.40	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1⅛pr
Vienna	17.00-17.10	17.06-17.10	1⅛-⅛pr	6⅛-4⅛pr
Zurich	2.0156-2.0366	2.0156-2.0186	⅛-⅛pr	1⅛-1pr

Source: Extel *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3107-1.3116
Austria	10.95-10.96
Belgium (Com)	32.03-32.07
Canada	1.4041-1.4046
Denmark	6.1200-6.1230
France	5.3740-5.3755
Germany	1.5565-1.5575
Hong Kong	7.7570-7.7580
Ireland	1.5343-1.5352
Italy	1631.30-1632.30
Japan	100.87-100.92
Malaysia	2.5524-2.5531
Netherlands	1.7449-1.7454
Norway	6.7960-6.7990
Portugal	160.13-160.18
Singapore	1.4521-1.4528
Spain	133.90-134.00
Sweden	7.5171-7.5271
Switzerland	1.3045-1.3055

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5493-1.5520
Australia dollar	2.0353-2.0373
Bahrain dinar	0.579-0.591
Brazil real*	1.3072-1.3112
Cyprus pound	0.736-0.746
Finland markka	7.430-7.536
Greece drachma	372.75-379.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.0556-12.0649
India rupee	48.21-49.17
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4605-0.4705
Malaysia ringgit	2.5515-2.5525
Mexico peso	n/a
New Zealand dollar	2.4388-2.4442
Pakistan rupee	47.25
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.760-5.886
Singapore dollar	2.2559-2.2589
S Africa rand (fin)	6.3325-6.3678
S Africa rand (com)	5.5205-5.5265
U A E dirham	5.6375-5.7615

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3I	416	Legal & Gn	772
ASDA Gp	2,900	Lloyds Bk	1,700
Abbey Natl	2,200	MEPC	791
Alld Dom	517	Marks Spr	2,200
Argyll Gp	2,500	NatWst Bk	5,000
Arjo Wiggn	2,000	Nat Power	1,200
AB Foods	155	Nth Wst W	545
BAA	1,300	*P & O*	2,000
BAT Inds	8,300	Pearson	2,400
BOC	1,900	PowerGen	2,300
BP	3,000	Prudential	2,400
BTR	*8,800*	*RMC*	36
BT	12,000	RTZ	93
Bk of Scot	584	Rank Org	870
Barclays	3,500	Reckitt Col	490
Bass	256	*Redland*	298
Blue Circle	385	Reed Intl	1,300
Boots	541	Rentokil	315
Bowater	360	Reuters	3,300
Brit Aero	915	*Rolls Royce*	1,600
Brit Airwys	5,200	Ryl Ins	871
Brit Gas	9,600	Ryl Bk Scot	969
Brit Steel	6,700	Sainsbury	2,000
Burmah Cast	316	*Schroders*	1
Cable Wire	2,500	Scot & New	268
Cadbury	1,800	Scot Power	2,100
Caradon	225	Sears	1,600
Carlton Cms	158	*Svrn Trent*	552
Cm Union	1,600	Shell Trans	2,100
Courtaulds	854	Siebe	1,200
De La Rue	454	SmKl Bch	3,200
Eastern Elec	77	Smith Npb	1,500
Enterpr Oil	807	Sthern Elec	201
Forte	641	Std Chartd	2,700
GKN	1,600	Sun Allnce	1,000
GRE	578	TI Gp	702
GUS	213	TSB	4,700
Gen Acc	448	Tesco	7,500
Gen Elec	4,200	Thames W	875
Glaxo	6,600	Thrn EMI	418
Granada	1,100	Tomkins	2,600
Grand Met	8,500	Unilever	583
Guinness	588	Utd Bisc	122
HSBC	2,700	Vodafone	4,300
Hanson	3,000	Warburg (SG)	613
ICI	748	Wellcome	2,400
Inchcape	849	Whitbread	810
Kingfisher	1,000	Wlms Hld	1,300
Ladbroke	2,000	Wolseley	316
Land Secs	775	Zeneca	2,700

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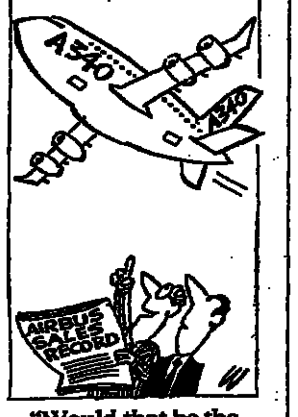
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Nice earner by George

I HEAR that George Soros is having rather better luck in South America than Japan, where he lost $600 million in a single day last year when a punt on the yen went wrong. About two years ago the international investor took a substantial stake in Irfa, Argentina's only major property company, in a move that foreshadowed his ultimately unsuccessful UK joint venture with John Ritblat's British Land. I gather that Irfa is doing quite well with its latest catch: the oval-shaped former General Motors factory in Buenos Aires, which was later turned into an arsenal by the army. The building is now being converted into flats, and to publicise its efforts, local designers and architects have been brought in to jazz up individual rooms. Visitors are invited to inspect these "works of art" at a charge of £10 a head — a nice little earner, since Irfa expects about 150,000 visitors a month. Could be just the thing for London's Docklands.

Road to Bombay

TOKYO, Seoul, Dubai, Los Angeles ... Now the City of London has added Bombay to its hit-list of world centres to be conquered. Michael Cassidy, policy chairman at the Corporation of London, flies back from India tonight after providing some tips on transforming the steamy metropolis into one of Asia's major financial hubs. Down a crackly phone line, he tells me the biggest problem is one of infrastructure — the road system is falling apart, yet authorities still manage to issue about 250 new driving licences a day. "They really should make more use of the water," he says. Those who sneer at the thought of Bombay becoming the next Hong Kong or Singapore should take heed: India is expected to have more people who own shares than America in ten years.



"Would that be the model number, or their sales figures?

Slaughtered

SLAUGHTER and May has topped the *Acquisitions Monthly* league table of legal advisers working for financial advisers or companies in UK public takeovers for the second year running. The firm acted on 16 deals, including the LWT-Granada tussle, and Enterprise Oil's failed bid for Lasmo. Second was Freshfields, followed by Herbert Smith, Simmons & Simmons, Clifford Chance, Linklaters & Paines and McKenna & Co.

Lottery mania

THIS is getting ridiculous. Fielding Mann, a firm of insurance brokers in Leeds, has launched an insurance policy to protect small to medium-sized companies against extra costs — if a syndicate of workers walks out after winning the National Lottery. Do they seriously think anyone will be stupid enough to buy this cover? "I know I would buy it," says Martin Mann, the firm's chairman. Enough said.

JON ASHWORTH

Supermarkets shape up as food price fighters

Liz Dolan and **George Sivell** on how stores are adapting in the battle for trade

Store wars among food retailers look set to intensify this year, with price cutting widening to include more chilled foods and other higher-margin lines. Christmas and new year trading statements released to the Stock Exchange by non-food retailers paint a happier picture than had at first been feared. But there are indications of a more pedestrian performance by food retailers, although a clearer picture should emerge with seasonal trading statements this month. Tesco and J Sainsbury both report this month.

Anecdotal evidence that price cutting has reached the food halls of Marks and Spencer, apparently including a higher proportion of the more profitable chilled foods and recipe dishes, is emphatically denied.

"We've always had promotions," a spokeswoman says. "It's just that this autumn we decided to make them more cohesive and topical." Translated, price cuts were made on seasonally popular products, such as pies and recipe meals followed, after Christmas, by low-calorie products such as "lite" sandwiches. It may seem strange that M&S is concentrating on lines that are already popular but, "it makes them even more popular if we push them," is the explanation. The chain also admits to using "improved decor", or heavy flagging, for promotions.

Between 1900 and 1994, the retail floorspace devoted to selling food rose 8.5 per cent despite the fact that consumer spending on food rose 2.7 per cent in real terms. An additional one million sq ft of floor space, the equivalent of the entire Savacentre operation or more than half of Waitrose, is forecast each year for the next few years, despite expectations that consumer demand will remain flat. Sainsbury says: "Any additions to space are carefully researched. Our customer base is steadily increasing and the benefits of attractive, modern stores cannot be underestimated."

Inflation among food items is 1 per cent or less, and deflation is not uncommon in certain lines. Wages, however, are still rising in line with overall retail price inflation between 2 and 3 per cent.

Verdict, the retail research specialist, says in a report published this week: "Competition is set to increase across the board and current gross margins cannot be maintained." The reason, says Verdict, is that "all the leading players want to open more stores, but new superstores have to take share from existing ones. Older stores have to fight back either through being refurbished or through cutting prices. Local price wars could become a feature of the industry over the next couple of years. Operating margins are still high relative to America and the Continent. So if a company's sales volumes slip because standards of service or product offering fall behind the competition, there is always the option of cutting prices to restore market share."

Store wars and planning controls will restrain the increase in selling space planned by supermarkets

Verdict also reasons that moves to improve customer service will also damage the retailers. "Competition is also intensifying on customer service, as in recent moves to cut queue lengths. Such initiatives are expensive and, in so far as they are necessary to hold on to market share, will also hit operating margins." Despite denials to the contrary, it appears that the entry of the discounters to the British market in 1991 destabilised the food market. Verdict says: "So far, their effect has been confined to key commodity products such as bread, milk, sugar and baked beans. With a product offer of only 650 lines, Aldi could not force a lowering of prices across the whole superstore range. However, with the help of Netto and other newcomers to the market, it has forced price cutting in certain high volume lines."

> ❛The entry of discounters to Britain destabilised the food market❜

The war started on dry groceries but the discounters are getting ready to pile on the misery in other areas. Kwik Save is going for the jugular and is developing the capacity to take on the superstores in fresh foods and chilled foods, among the most profitable food lines for any retailer to sell. Verdict says that it "senses Netto is also moving in that direction". Verdict believes that the discounters have reached the stage where they have to fight each other, as well as the superstores and the high street stores, in the race to get a strategic hold on the market place. In the same way, new superstores are having to fight existing superstores for business, as well as the softer high street shops. Verdict concludes that while "Sainsbury or Waitrose will not lose many customers to discounters, they cannot afford to be out of line with downmarket retailers." The battle to provide value also threatens the profit margins long enjoyed by manufacturers for their premium brands. Manufacturers face increasing difficulty on maintaining the premium their branded products enjoy to own labels and will have to cut prices on premium brands. Verdict predicts that the development of far more premium own brands by the supermarkets in the new year after the rash of new cola drinks and other products such as Sainsbury's Performance nappies. Tesco and Asda both report expansion plans for their special low-cost lines, Value and Farm Store, after encouraging sales. Asda intends to increase the number of Farm Store products from 100 to 250 in the spring.

Such moves are of vital importance to the superstore operators because their main source of growth in the past, opening yet more stores, has dried up. The Government has switched the entire planning process against out-of-town retailing after the heady growth of the Eighties. There has been no legislation but two planning policy guidelines, on out-of-town developments in July 1993 and on transport lasat March, set out the Government's wishes. They were reinforced in October last year by a Commons select committee report aimed at reducing car usage and reinforcing the switch against out-of-town retail development.

Verdict estimates that Sainsbury won one planning appeal out of nine last year, Tesco one out of ten, and Safeway one out of six. Previously, the stores would have expected a 50 per cent success rate.

Sainsbury appears to be making a virtue out of necessity. David Sainsbury, chairman, says: "Perhaps we have let that belief [that the future lies in out-of-town sites] dominate our thinking too much . . . there is still a lot of demand in city centres."

None of the big three will achieve their planned expansion over the next few years. Sainsbury had hoped for 20 new stores each year, and now hopes for 12. Safeway has cut its plans to 17 and Tesco has switched to opening smaller stores. Sainsbury plans a significant expansion of its Sainsbury Central mini-stores chain after a successful pilot scheme.

Dynamic duo helps beat that sinking feeling

Jon Ashworth reviews a book that holds some useful tips for British managers

British companies are coming to resemble ships in a hurricane — storm-tossed and battered, their decks are awash with change. The past year has brought ample evidence — Tiny Rowland swept from the helm of Lonrho; Giles Shepard washed from the Savoy boardroom. The new year brought yet another "unthinkable": Maurice Saatchi flushed from the company he created with his brother, Charles.

Management consultants have seized on "change" as the catchword of the Nineties. Change or else, they warn. Companies must adapt or die. Tom Peters, the American management consultant and author, talks of "internal perestroika", by which companies should view themselves as a collection of competing business units. Companies, he says, can only thrive in the modern world by opening themselves to perpetual destruction — being more pragmatic, in short. Enter the Dynamic Planning Framework. Beverly Goldberg and John Sifonis, US management consultants, have devised a model to help managers survive in the modern workplace. Their book, *Dynamic Planning*, said to be all the rage in America, contains some useful tips for British managers — provided they can penetrate the jargon.

Goldberg and Sifonis have tried to create a framework that encourages managers to take continuous stock of where they are. As they put it: "Some companies watch the world change without accepting the fact that they must take those changes into account, no matter how successful they are at the moment; some manage to avoid seeing that the world is changing. Both face the same fate that befell the dinosaurs." General Motors, IBM and Sears are cited as examples of companies that have "gone wrong". Locally, one need only think of Lonrho and Saatchi & Saatchi.

So what is this magical Dynamic Planning Framework? In a nutshell, it is a "structure for thinking" with the aim of constantly reminding managers to make decisions in the "real" world, not locked away in some time-warp. In the words of the authors: "It forces you to examine what is happening in the world outside and examine its probable impacts on your operation. It teaches you not to make hasty decisions, but allows you to be imaginative and innovative. The Framework also makes certain that new ideas are discussed, tested, and explored across the organisation before they are brought into it."

What one has, then, is a fairly traditional management consultant's check list with a little extra polish. A lot of it is self-explanatory: identify the company's strengths and weaknesses; look at ways of making it run more efficiently; consider the role information technology can play in bringing about change; put the solutions in place.

Goldberg and Sifonis claim it is the emphasis on information technology that makes their model different. Dynamic Planning, they say, adds "a new dimension" to the process, by integrating computer know-how with the elements of traditional business strategy formulation. Cross a computer nerd with a pin-striped management consultant and you have Dynamic Planning.

> ❛The aim is for decisions to be made in the real world❜

The book is jammed with fancy diagrams and peppered with "in" catchwords. Readers are urged to "keep the holistic focus" — to not lose sight of the bigger picture. Royal Dutch/Shell rates a mention as a company that "works" — "it looks at things holistically, it integrates technology, it is open to change, and it plans for the long term."

The American-speak can be tedious. An example: "To survive, businesses must be run in such a way that their leaders have anticipatory capability, a quality that, when combined with flexibility and adaptability, can make the critical difference when it becomes necessary to adjust to the next major changes that occur in the marketplace or the world." Still, the book will look impressive enough on the boardroom shelf.

☐*Dynamic Planning* is published by Oxford University Press (£19.99).

BUSINESS LETTERS

Research shows the long-term benefits and risks of competition in domestic gas market questionable

From Mr John Surrey and Mr Mike Parker

Sir, The recent public relations furore over the affairs of British Gas should not be allowed to divert attention away from the much more important long-term issues arising from the proposed introduction of full competition in the domestic gas market. The recent report on this issue by the Trade and Industry Select Committee (TISC) came to conclusions on average prices and security of supply which are closely in line with the analysis in our recent study "UK Gas Policy: Regulated Monopoly or Managed Competition?"

On prices, we said that competition is unlikely to result in significant reductions in the average domestic price of gas over the effect of the RPI-4 price formula already applied to British Gas; and TISC acknowledges that the extent of any price reductions attributable to the introduction of competition "remains highly uncertain".

We also concluded that, under competition, it will be difficult to maintain the present high level of gas supply security; and TISC agress that "it will be less easy for new competitors to match supply and demand, given the smaller size and the reduced ability to forecast demand in a competitive market".

It was primarily these considerations which led us to view that the overall balance of benefits, costs and risks was unfavourable. TISC, using the same data and similar analysis, does not come to that overall judgement and the issue remains unsolved.

Much of the discussion has been polarised into one of "for or against competition". This is misguided. In appropriate circumstances, competition can bring great benefits. But in the case of domestic gas, we remain to be convinced that there is an overall balance of advantage. It is hoped that it is still not too late for this question to be answered before full competition is introduced and irreversible decisions made.

Yours faithfully,
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Where there's a will . . . there should be a licensed professional

From Errol Nott

Sir, The letter today ("Risks of will drafting", December 29) in the Business and Industry section highlights some of the problems which this Government's deregulation policy fails to address.

As the law stands anyone, including those with little or no training can undertake to draft another person's will for reward. These persons frequently do not carry professional indemnity insurance, and are not regulated or controlled in any way.

The Institute of Professional Willwriters was formed in 1991 with the objectives of improving standards for the Willwriting profession, and the service which it offers to the public. Members of the IPW are all qualified by examination: they have to work within the code of conduct and the articles of the Institute's constitution and they all carry full, comprehensive professional indemnity cover (which lasts for the lifetime of the will).

We have made submissions to the Lord Chancellor's department that registration and control of willwriters should be introduced, but each time we have been advised that the Government is more interested in deregulation than in regulation.

When anyone buys or sells a property the conveyance, when undertaken for reward, has quite properly to be done by a solicitor or a licensed conveyancer. Even a financial affairs adviser must be examined and licensed, although the result of their work may result in an investment of as little as £10 a month. A will is usually the greatest disposal of assets undertaken by any person. Surely that should be as least as closely regulated.

The Law Society is on record as having represented to the Lord Chancellor's department that willwriting should be controlled. We are in total agreement with the Law Society in respect of the need for the regulation of this most important sector. It is quite wrong that persons who are not properly trained, regulated and have no proper professional indemnity cover should be able to draft wills.

Yours faithfully,
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Double whammy

From Mrs Diana Proudlove

Sir, I was shocked to read ("Homeowners face double rate blow", January 6) that not only is my property worth less than when I bought it, but so is my mortgage.

Newton Scott, a director of Scottish Widows, is quoted as saying: "The onus is now on policyholders to keep a close eye on whether there is going to be a shortfall in their final mortgage linked endowment policy payout." What a shame this expert advice was not given at the onset of the mortgage, and if his statement is acted on, may not be discovered by many until its conclusion.

This feel good factor is flushed, yet again, down the domestic drain.

Yours faithfully,
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Onus is on insurers

From Mr David Simpson

Sir, If Newton Scott of Scottish Widows is right ("Home owners face double rates blow," January 6) and "the onus is now on policyholders to keep a close eye on whether there is going to be the shortfall in their final mortgage linked endowment policy payout", surely the onus is on the life companies to show the surrender value of policies and projections for payout on the annual bonus certificates?

All the average shareholder has to go on are the rosy projections of yesteryear and it's the life companies who know the true picture.

Yours faithfully,
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Alternative role models for public sector auditing

From Peter Jones

Sir, It was heartening to read the articles by Robert Bruce on the state of the auditing profession (December 22). It gave a wide sweep of recent developments without avoiding the vested interests of auditors. All the more surprising then, that even his worthy contribution should fall into the same trap as so many others by ignoring the major area of auditing that is generally considered a great success — public sector auditing.

While a quarrelsome gaggle of experts stand around debating the best way of shoring up the creaking company audit edifice, vastly superior monuments to the auditing profession have grown out of the National Audit Act 1983, the 1982 Local Government Finance Act and the statutory provisions for internal audit in many public services.

No one is suggesting (so far as I know) that these provisions, for genuinely independent, accountable, relatively low cost and effective audits that are reported in detail to stakeholders, should be slavishly followed in the private sector. But, it seems, the vested interests of the private sector audit firms and the ICAEW, the main chartered accountants body, is so great as to smother any attempt to air the possibility of copying across at least some of the arrangements used in the public services. No doubt the wide ranging remit of public services auditors might call into question many company audit fees.

For an alternative view on the role model of public services audit I would point your readers to the short but revealing publication by CIPFA, the main professional body for public service auditors, "Auditing Public Services — a contribution to the debate on the future of auditing".

Yours faithfully,
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Scattered falls in thin trading

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BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Nat	432½	− 6	4.5	14.5
314	233	Allied Irish	270	− 2	4.7	10.4
278¾	171	Aus New Z	203	...	6.0	-
3300	2462½	Bank America	2625	+ 35	..	
247	172½	Bank Scotland	204	− 1	3.3	11.5
640	487	Barclays	596	− 13	3.5	14.6
319	249	Bk of Ireland	301	...	4.8	8.7
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2706¼	+ 31¼	...	
285½	203	Close Bros	223	...	4.2	10.1
£150½	£121¼	Commerzbk	£134¾	+ 331¼	6.1	...
1296¼	1056½	Da Ich Kan Y	1196¾	+ 12½	0.5	..
£344¾	£270¾	Deutsche Bk	£295½	+ 8¼	2.3	..
1315¾	787½	Espirito Santo	818¾	− 31½	4.7	4.1
90	58	First Nat Fin	58	− 1	3.2	...
1549¼	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1375¼	− 7	0.4	-
473	309	Hambros	352	+ 12	7.4	15.5
1113	660	HSBC	681	+ 1	4.5	9.9
1133	663	HSBC Hk	668	− 1½	4.6	9.7
443	308	Joseph (L)	308	− 10	5.5	11.6
603	424	Kleinwort Ben	541	− 7	4.4	9.5
668	519	Lloyds	556	− 5	5.2	10.9
620¼	472	Nat Aust Bk	507	...	7.2	-
622	421	Nat West	485	− 11	5.0	9.5
3300	2100	Ottoman Bank	2150	...	6.8	-
79	53	Rea Bros	66	...	1.8	18.5
528	377½	Royal Bk Scot	386	− 8	4.5	9.3
1574	1050	Schroders	1438	− 5	1.6	13.2
1458	1043	Schroders N/V	1310	..	1.8	12.0
114	75	Singer & Fried	86	..	4.6	11.1
359¼	223	Stand Chart	262	..	3.0	9.0
291	197	TSB	232	− 5	4.4	11.7
1812	569	Warburg SG	674	− 10	4.1	12.3
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9981¼	+ 168¼	2.8	..
260	194	Westpac	215	− 2	2.5	..
390	203	Wintrust	215	.	6.0	14.4

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1025	150	Ascot Hldgs	160	...	...	...
619	485	Bass†	520	− 9	5.1	13.1
299	248	Boddington	260	+ 1	4.0	14.0
196	168	Burtonwood Brwr	175	− 1	3.6	14.6
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'†	155	...	3.3	-
88	46¼	Fosters Brewing	54	...	5.5	-
493	342	Fuller Sm 'A'†	349	...	2.8	14.4
511	399	Greenalls Grp†	425	..	3.9	21.1
584	452	Greene King†	520	.	3.1	14.4
265	239	Hardy Hanson	256	..	4.7	-
178	135	Heavitree	150	...	3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3400	...	1.8	18.7
246	195	Mansfield†	234	− 1	2.5	14.3
314	256	Marston Thmpt	311	+ 1	2.5	15.1
548	440	Morland†	483	+ 8	2.9	13.9
10¼	6½	Paramount	7	...	3.8	.
324	209	Regent Inns	324	...	2.1	24.8
1865½	1000	SA Breweries	1506¼	...	2.0	23.2
591	477	Scot & Newt	502	− 1	4.3	14.4
306	215	Vaux Group†	234	+ 2	5.3	13.2
457	324½	Wetherspoon JD	457	+ 1	1.8	25.2
617	494	Whitbread†	558	+ 1½	4.3	15.2
589	493	Wolverhmptn D†	525	+ 1	3.3	13.8
201	148	Yates Brost	200	+ 5	2.4	15.8
535	465	Young 'A'	465	...	4.0	19.7

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	130	Abbey	145	..	4.6	10.4
300	148	Allen†	158	...	4.4	14.8
164	64½	Amec	67½	− 1	5.6	39.0
165	47	Andrews Sykes	145	+ 7	...	...
462	333	Ashtead	422	..	1.6	26.7
191	101	Avonside	104	..	5.3	12.2
41	36	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	...	2.5	27.4
86	18½	Barcom	36		...	...
292	139	Barratt Devs	163	− 1	4.6	12.7
169	122½	Beazer Homes	131	..	5.2	10.3
304	179	Bellway†	192	− 4	4.6	11.4
59	31	Bellwinch	34		...	29.9
573	326	Berkeley Gp†	337	...	2.7	10.7
215	118	Bett Brost	178	...	3.2	5.5
385	210	Boot (Henry)	240	...	3.5	11.8
95	35	Boulton Hire	95	+ 2	2.0	
235	150	Br Bldg & Engt	150	− 5	6.7	9.3
197½	115	Bryant	117	− 1	5.3	13.2
145¼	105	CALA	106	...	3.3	14.8
54	31	Campbell & Arm	34½	...		
82	44	Clarke T	49	..	3.2	41.6
42	20½	Costain	20½	...		
185	103	Countryside	105	+ 1	5.1	.
120	73	Crest Nicholson	75	..	2.7	13.9
140	98	Cussins	97	...	4.4	11.7
30	17	Edmond Hldgs	18	...	2.1	...
473	273	Eve Group	273	...	5.1	11.0
60	24	Galliford	28	+ 1½	4.5	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	89	...	3.8	...
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)†	828	...	2.1	14.2
86	71	Green (Ernest)	85	...	8.8	26.2
181	121	Havelock Euro	178	...	2.1	16.3
169	138	Hewden-Stuart	138	...	2.7	15.8
144	88	Higgs & Hill	99	...	3.5	...
32	19	Howard Hldgs	19	...	5.3	17.7
25	6	Jarvis	11¼	...		
138	104	Keller	116	...	4.1	13.4
428	204	Laing (J)	218	− 1	5.2	19.7
164	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	95	...	8.4	...
145	115	Lon Clydeside	122	...	4.9	16.9
173	53	Lovell (YJ)	58	− 2	2.2	6.7
253	196	Maunders (J)	209	...	3.3	.
321	154	McAlpine (A)	172	+ 1	4.7	25.2
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	59	...		
185¼	94	Mowlem (J)	102½	...	2.4	...
379½	182	Persimmon	194	...	5.9	14.5
2200	1450	Pochins	2200	...	1.8	22.0
198	119	Prowting†	119	− 2	3.8	18.1
116	44½	Raine Ind	48	+ ½	7.8	10.0
61	45	Secure Retire	45	...		14.6
132	94	Redrow	95	− 2	3.6	9.4
67	50	Scholl-Rye	60	...	1.6	28.2
398	233	Shield Hldgst	391	...	1.8	16.3
112	52½	Shorco	109	...	4.2	15.3
245	195	Smart (J)	210	...	5.1	22.0
280	155½	Spendard	268	...	1.1	21.6
257	151	Tay Homes	170	...	4.7	12.5
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	123	...	1.8	30.0
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	565	...	7.3	43.3
61	36	Torex Hire†	59	...	2.8	.
40½	26	Try Group	30	...	3.1	.
129	92	Vibroplant†	103	...	4.3	19.4
170	115	Wainhomest	115	...	5.3	12.4
74	48	Ward Hldgs	57	+ 2	1.1	...
225½	132	Westbury	139	...	4.9	12.6
7½	3¼	Wiggins	5½	...		
258	154	Wilson (C)	160	− 1	3.3	13.3
571	312	Wilson Bowdn	320	..	3.7	14.3
249	123	Wimpey G	125	..	5.2	18.7

BUILDING MATERIALS

BUSINESS SERVICES

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	105	ABI Leisr	105	...	4.8	-
317	248	Acatt	309	...	2.8	16.7
590	253	Adam & Harvey	590	...	3.3	7.4
31	21	Alexanders	21	...	3.8	19.6
175	111	Appleyard	111	...	6.5	19.8
6	3¼	Ass Br Eng	4¼	...	1.3	33.9
578	495	BSS Group	518	...	4.4	18.3
25½	17	Beaumont Pitwert	23	...	5.4	-
405	249	Bletchley Mtr	253	...	5.2	18.4
48	29	Boyod 'A'†	28	.	8.1	11.8
379	288	Brammer	353	.	4.6	19.6
31	15	Bridgend Gp	15	.	1.7	78.0
90	78	Brit Fittings	80	...	3.2	...
71	40	Brown & Tawse	47	+ 3	...	...
57	35	Burndene	37	...	6.7	-
465	245	Caffyns	268	...	5.4	44.0
59	24½	Cantel Plc†	28½	+ ½	5.2	14.7
130	84	Central Mtr	88	..	5.0	21.8
51	32½	Cook (DC)†	42	..	3.4	12.9
342¼	197½	Cowie A	238	− 4	4.8	11.7
192¾	127	Dag Motors	138	..	5.9	15.9
683	446	Dennons El	593	..	1.4	16.6
628	414½	Diploma†	425	+ 2	4.0	14.8
589	443	Electrocomponts	494	+ 8	2.6	19.8
175	133	Electron House	161	+ 1	2.5	16.6
283	225	Ellis & Everard	261	+ 1	3.8	19.1
234	201	Erodellert	205	...	5.2	16.0
173	106	European Mtrt	108	...	6.2	11.7
539¾	390	Evans Halshaw	390	− 3	4.6	12.2
656	490¼	Farnell Elect	527	+ 11	1.9	21.6
78	50	Fife Indmar	58	...	5.9	8.5
34	15	Gardiner	15	− ½	6.2	7.1
46	19	Glenchewton	23½	...		25.9
90	60	Gowrings	73	...	3.4	22.2
76	59	Hallin Hldgs	71½	...		55.6
168	122	Harris (Philip)†	166	.	5.2	14.6
342¾	255¼	Henlys	287	..	3.5	14.3
191	88	Holders Tech	92	...	8.2	10.0
136	109	ISA Intl	109	− 1	2.0	13.6
609	385	Inchcape	414	− 4	4.5	13.8
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	56	...		13.0
184	145	Kwik-Fit	167	..	3.0	19.2
573	291	Lex Service	309	+ 2	5.4	11.8
282	162	Lookers	193	..	4.5	12.0
20	14	Malaya Gp	15	..	2.1	.
9	3½	Middlesex ©	7¼	− ¼	...	
440	279	Norbain	435	..	6.6	19.4
100	47	Northamber†	91	...	1.8	38.6
175	152	PCT	152	...	6.1	14.7
310	232	Pendragon	251	− 1	3.7	16.5
238	153	Perry Gp	153	− 5	5.7	8.4
218	131	Quicks Group	131	..	5.0	13.8
166	97	REA	165	..	4.5	34.1
5¼	2¾	Reece	2¾	..	...	...
24	4	Ross Gp	6	...	4.2	...
42	32½	SEP Ind	38	..	3.5	-
44	31	TLS Range	40	..	3.1	18.1
265	215	Time Products	232	..	4.7	15.8
221	151	Vardy (Reg)	168	..	3.9	15.7
335	244	Wholesale Ftgs	244	..	8.9	-
30½	13½	Wills Gp	17½	.	3.6	9.8
74½	39½	Witchert	72½	.	1.1	24.4
69	40	Wyko	61	..	1.0	-
98	61	Young (H)†	68	..	6.6	-

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
894¼	610¼	East Midlands	808	− 8	4.3	33.7
866	566	Eastern Grp	767	− 6	4.1	15.6
776	534	London Elect†	742	+ 5	4.1	11.3
886	635	Manweb	842	..	4.1	9.9
845½	547	Midlands Elec	786	− 6	4.0	11.9
520	404½	National Power†	480	− 1	3.4	13.2
1065	589	Northern Elec	874	− 4	3.5	11.5
421	329	Nthn Ireland	358	..	4.2	9.6
867	587	Norweb†	818	− 1	3.7	9.9
602	449	PowerGen	529	..	3.2	11.4
477	307	Hydro-Elect	326	− 3	5.1	10.3
488	326	Scottish Power	339	+ 2	4.8	10.6
490	299	Seeboard†	449	..	3.5	12.3
912	591	Sth Wales	874	− 4	4.2	11.7
869	551	Sth Western	844	− 8	3.8	11.1
837	540	Southern Elec	784	− 5	3.9	11.3
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	732	− 8	4.2	14.1

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FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

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INSURANCE

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LEISURE & HOTELS

MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	278	Abbott Mead	339	..	2.2	30.7
356	198	Adscene	305	...	2.7	21.8
33	17½	Aegis Gp	29	...	...	
11¾	5½	Allied Radio	6¼	+ ½	...	
25	13	BBB Design	13	...	...	35.9
235	155	Barbour Index	155	...	8.9	13.4
13¾	5¾	Britannia	6¼	...		
349	320	Black (A&C)	320	...	5.7	11.6
402	213	Blenheim Gp	249	− 3	5.2	9.5
205	133	Border TV	200	..	2.7	17.3
413	365	Bristol†	388	..	4.2	37.4
259	245½	B Sky B	249	+ 2	...	46.7

MINING

OIL & GAS

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	75	BWD	80	...	6.6	6.5
128	96	Baltic Plc	129	...	1.9	8.2
185	75	Berry Bch Hld	77	...	8.3	11.6
215	152	Bisoc Inv	153	...	...	...
154	108	Brewin Dolphin	130	...	6.0	8.9

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311¾	BR Biotech	518	− 12	...	...
498	333	Cantab Pharms	333	...	...	...
243	191	Celltech	236	...	...	...
151	88	Chiroscience	94	...	...	...
47	38	Cortecs	38	...	...	...
157	107	Fisons	111	...	3.8	...
725	520	Glaxo	685	+ 15	4.9	16.6
185	95½	Grampian Hldg	100	...	6.9	16.5
187	120	Medeva	168	+ 3	2.2	13.3
3	1¼	Premier Health	1½	...	...	...
330	227	Quality Care	253	...	2.2	14.7
295	242	Scotia	287	+ 4	...	...
83	44	Shield Diag	55	− 1	...	...
473	357½	SmithKline†	472	+ 8	3.3	18.4
443	322	SmithKline Uts	443	+ 10	3.5	17.2
731	498	Wellcome	697	+ 10	3.1	15.8
908	672	Zeneca	876	+ 6	4.0	17.6

PRINTING & PAPER

PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	528	Allied Domecq†	536	− 5	5.3	14.5
459	358	Bulmer (HP)†	393	...	3.5	21.2
140	105	Burn Stewart	117	...	5.3	23.7
506	374	Grand Met†	378	− 17¼	4.8	17.7
542	421	Guinness	446	− 3	3.7	14.2
457	353	Highland Distl	436	− 3	2.1	19.8
222	127	Macallan-Glen	215	.	0.7	55.3
710	385	Martin Mtn 'A'†	685	...	1.8	28.9
614	515	Matthew Clark	547	+ 2	4.1	12.8
250	81	Merrydown Wt	89	+ 1	4.5	...
190	142	Taunton Cider†	155	+ 2	3.4	12.0

SUPPORT SERVICES

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT†	393	+ 6½	5.4	14.0
543	352	Cable Wireless†	387½	− 6½	2.9	15.1
178	108	Filtronic Com	175	+ 7	0.5	58.9
1543	1148	Securicor	1523	...	0.2	37.7
1089	785	Securicor 'A'	984	...	0.4	24.4
892	605	Security Serv	803	...	0.9	25.4
221	157½	Vodafone†	202	...	1.8	26.1

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	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
0895 259 783				
Grotand Amer	155.70	164.80	+ 1.30	0.98
Grotand Equity	227.70	242.20	+ 2.80	1.34
Grotand Euro	194.30	205.60	+ 1.00	0.43
Grotand Expt Bal	108.80	112.90	...	2.76
Grotand Gilt	72.00	74.22	+ 0.20	5.60
Grotand Japan	172.80	182.70	+ 0.70	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
0203 553 231				
General Acc	516.80	540.60	+ 8.90	2.82
General Inc	455.50	484.60	+ 2.90	2.82
UK Growth Acc	348.00	378.50	+ 2.10	2.91
UK Growth Inc	238.10	253.40	+ 1.40	2.91
Higher Inc Acc	656.70	698.70	+ 3.90	4.06
Higher Inc Inc	379.50	403.80	+ 2.20	4.06
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	186.80	198.90	+ 0.60	6.07
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	87.88	92.82	+ 0.29	6.07
Nth America	259.10	269.30	+ 2.60	...
Far East	340.80	367.80	- 1.10	0.13
Europe	260.00	276.60	+ 0.30	0.84
Brit Excel	68.96	73.37	+ 0.39	3.11
Brit Fedrals Acc	98.51	104.80	+ 0.50	4.88
Brit Fedrals Inc	72.23	76.85	+ 0.34	4.88
Global Opps	80.84	86.01	+ 0.25	0.39
Balanced Acc	52.44	55.79†	+ 0.23	3.07
Balanced Inc	51.17	54.44†	+ 0.24	3.07
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	125.60	133.30†	+ 0.40	7.70
High Inc Equity	155.10	165.90†	+ 1.40	4.74
Worldwide Bond	257.20	273.00	+ 1.10	6.06
Capital Growth				
American Growth	271.00	290.00†	+ 3.40	.79
Asian Pacific	304.50	323.90	- 1.40	...
Assets & Earnings	250.20	266.20	+ 2.00	2.85
Commdy & Energy	106.20	113.00	- 0.30	...
Euro Capital Inc	127.70	136.80	+ 0.90	.71
(Accum Units)	136.40	145.90	+ 0.90	.71
General	219.00	233.00	+ 2.80	2.33
Japan	127.30	135.40	+ 0.40	...
Mastertrust	136.10	145.80	+ 0.70	1.84
UK Growth Dist	115.70	123.70	+ 0.70	2.89
US Emerging Cos	130.30	138.40	+ 1.30	...
Income & Growth	360.90	382.40	+ 4.80	3.19
Ethical	65.54	69.72	+ 0.38	3.06
International	112.00	119.10	+ 0.20	.97
Dividend & Growth	57.86	61.55†	+ 0.54	4.57
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0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	42.63	44.26	+ 0.36	0.78
Cash	50.21	50.21†	+ 0.01	4.48
European	106.90	111.70	+ 0.30	...
Exempt	938.70	£10.08†	+ 1.20	1.85
Extra Income #	47.37	49.83†	+ 0.02	6.05
Far East Emg Eco	107.50	114.30	- 1.90	0.55
Fixed Interest #	22.31	23.42†	+ 0.03	8.83
Fixed Inv Tst	168.20	177.80	- 0.10	0.65

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
European Portfolio	91.60	97.61	...	0.82
Japanese Portfolio	65.73	69.70†	+ 0.15	...
Pacific Portfolio	134.52	144.85†	- 0.91	0.71
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Intl Bond	59.78	62.86	+ 0.29	6.09
Intl Equity Growth	67.86	72.79	+ 0.14	0.56
N Amer Growth	90.03	95.77	+ 0.82	1.08
Special Sits Growth	20.45	21.75	+ 0.08	1.80
UK Growth	354.40	377.00	+ 3.00	2.82
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Global Income	203.80	216.80	+ 0.21	4.20
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(Accum Units)	397.10	422.50†	+ 0.85	6.33
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Intl Growth	201.20	214.30	+ 0.90	0.28
North American	175.50	187.30	+ 1.60	0.52
Far East	253.70	271.30	- 1.80	1.17
UK Smaller Cos	166.60	178.30	- 0.10	2.05
European	78.19	83.21	+ 0.64	0.21
Japanese Growth	48.92	52.00	+ 0.11	
High Income	180.80	193.40	+ 2.20	4.67

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031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	27.26	28.99	- 0.58	.
Pacific Basin	44.68	47.53	- 0.13	.
Can Balncd Gwth	...	...	...	...
Global Bond (US$)	0.85	0.88	- 0.00	
Penny Share	33.65	35.80	+ 0.11	
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US Govt Bd (US$)	0.73	0.74	+ 0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	48.53	50.51†	+ 0.15	7.30
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Susan Biddall, left, learnt the importance of choosing your colours with care; Pamela Cassidy updated her firm's image with a new logo in blue

Putting on the style

Lawyers are the latest group of professionals to call in image consultants. **Duncan Lamont** looks at the results

"I have got a suit for every day of the week," Groucho Marx used to say. "I'm wearing it." For lawyers too, any suit used to do, as long as it was navy blue or charcoal grey.

Now, however, an increasing number of City law firms realise that details of appearance can influence clients, opponents or perhaps even the court, and have appointed personal image consultants to advise on dress sense (usually a half-day suffices for men, and a full day for women). Stationery and offices are also being smartened up.

Sceptical lawyers are shown the slimming effects of certain jacket styles and the seeming elongation of an inside leg measurement by the removal of their beloved turn-ups. They are lectured in the effects of colour, from their ties to their eyes.

For law firms, so long associated in clients' minds with Dickensian attitudes, this represents a sizeable — and successful — change of attitude.

Pauline Crawford, director of Crawford Tremblay, the image consultants, says her underlying principle is "the messenger is the message". "We place great emphasis on first impressions, and individuals must come across quickly in a responsible and positive light," she says. "Sensitivity is essential — nobody is fat or skinny, but angular, straight or contoured.

"First impressions really are vital. Research shows that 55 per cent of us remember first how a person looks and behaves, 38 per cent how they speak, and 7 per cent what they say. Lasting impressions are established in four minutes and, unfortunately perhaps, nine out of ten first impressions stay unchanged."

The colour of clothes chosen can enhance, or detract from, the accompanying words. A sharp contrast between very dark tones and very light tones denotes authority and control. This has been known for centuries and is reflected in the uniforms of the police and robes of the judiciary. Margaret Thatcher, a qualified barrister, favoured dark navy and white or cream, or cooler colours such as blue-grey. The Labour leader and lawyer, Tony Blair, will, no doubt, be reflecting his new status in a revitalised wardrobe.

Dark colours with bright or deep reds, berry colours, or rich purples give an assertive look, perhaps not ideal for a defendant in the dock.

Susan Biddle, a commercial solicitor, attended a personal image course and was surprised to learn that there are 16 million shades of colour recognisable to the human eye. "The average wardrobe has only 12 colours," she says. "But wearing neutral colours to play safe is not necessarily smart because you can disappear altogether."

Ironically, lawyers have long realised how essential it is for others to appear respectable in court. Every solicitor suggests that his client should appear in the witness box with a quiet suit, clean shirt (preferably with a tie) and tidy appearance rather than jeans, T-shirt and scruffy hair. Tattoos are to be hidden, earrings removed and reference made to that offer of a job starting on Monday... Tradition has it that one Glasgow solicitor with many clients from the city's "hard men" snapped testily, when one insisted that he did not possess a suit: "Then go and nick one."

But it is not just suits that require smartening up. Pamela Cassidy, a partner in solicitors Oswald Hickson Collier, says: "We decided it was time to modernise our image so we commissioned a new logo for the firm. Gone is the old-fashioned black on white print used for decades. I hope that the new deep blue and white logo and restyled letterheads reflect the firm's up-to-date approach."

Management consultants (ie, accountancy firms) inevitably become involved. Alan John Williams, a barrister, says: "We called in experts to consider not just the business side of chambers, but presentation as well. The clerk's room was smartened up, more newspapers and magazines were made available in the waiting-room and the whole inside of the building had a new paint job in pastel shades. Tea and coffee are now served to waiting clients, unimaginable only a few years ago."

There is, no doubt, a lot that still needs to be done, but at least some lawyers are positioning themselves ready for the 21st century. With five of the ten largest firms based in London, the truly international competition means every bit of help counts. The arrival in London of more American lawyers with their sharp suits, padded shoulders and "have a nice day" handshakes means that the locals need to place even greater emphasis upon their presentation and perception, and that includes personal style, not just glamorous offices.

As one would expect, the glover's son from Stratford knew, 400 years ago, the importance of dress. The advice of Polonius for any young person of ambition is thought by many to be Shakespeare's own view:

Costly thy habit as thy purse
can buy,
but not expressed in fancy;
rich, not gaudy;
For the apparel oft
proclaims the man

Medieval robes may linger on in some of the corridors of power, but lawyers today need padded shoulders and sharp cuts to impress, subtly, a new generation of clients.

● *The author is a media solicitor with the city firm Biddle & Co.*

How to break the chain of appeals

I believe we need a House of Lords. Look what a good job they did on the Criminal Justice Bill. But for them we would have been faced with the absurdity that courts would not be allowed to know of the previous convictions of those they were about to sentence. But do we need a House of Lords with an appellate jurisdiction when we have a Court of Appeal?

In the past, the House of Lords conducted judicial business as part of the ordinary sittings of the House. It became the custom for appeals to be heard by peers who were or had been judges. Proposals in 1873 would have abolished the judicial function of the House, but were superseded by an Act of 1876 which provided for the present salaried law lords usually promoted from the Court of Appeal.

There are 11 of these. In 1993, only 50 civil appeals were heard, of which 15 were allowed. By contrast, the Court of Appeal with 30 judges heard 1,102 appeals and allowed 444. Unfortunately, it is possible for there to be a multiplicity of appeals and applications for leave to appeal. For instance, an application for leave to move the court for judicial review is first heard by a single judge. If refused, an applicant can go to the Court of Appeal where three judges may grant leave. It then goes back to a single judge for a substantive hearing. An appeal from this lies to the Court of Appeal, but if leave to appeal is refused by the single judge, it can be granted by two or three judges in the Court of Appeal. Once leave is granted, the substantive hearing is by three Court of Appeal judges. If the result does not satisfy either party he may, with leave of the Court of Appeal, go to the House of Lords. If leave is refused, he can apply for leave from the House of Lords itself and his application will be heard by three Lords of Appeal. There may then be a full hearing by five, or occasionally seven, law lords. It is possible for 21 judges to be involved from first to last. It has happened.

DEREK WHEATLEY, QC

A senior official in the Court of Appeal office described this situation as "quite ridiculous". The Court of Appeal should be the final Court of Appeal. If the case is sufficiently important the usual three judges could occasionally be increased to five.

The only justification for the retention of the appellate functions of the House of Lords is its infallibility. It is, however, now able to review its own past decisions, with the implication that these cannot always be relied upon. Recently the correctness of some decisions has been doubted. In 1990, in *Hazel v Hammersmith BC*, a local authority had indulged in trading on the sophisticated financial "swaps" market. The trade in this market, somewhat ingenuously described in the House of Lords as "gambling", had been thriving since the early 1980s with the tacit blessing of the Bank of England. When the market turned against Hammersmith, the local authority pleaded that the deals were not binding because they were not empowered to do them in the first place. A Court of Appeal, including the present Master of the Rolls, allowed an appeal from the Divisional Court by finding a solution which was recognised as just and workable. It distinguished between different forms of swap transaction. The House of Lords unanimously overruled this, saying that any transaction might be avoided regardless of the council's object in entering into it. The result was extensive litigation. Many believe that the Court of Appeal was right and the House of Lords wrong. However, ten senior judges had been involved and each appellate court reversed the decision of the previous court.

In *O'Brien*'s case, decided this year, the House decided that security given by a wife over her joint matrimonial home to support a loan to her husband's business could not be enforced. This was because of the risk of undue influence since it was not to her advantage that her husband's business be supported. To avoid this a bank must now interview the wife in every such case in the absence of her husband and advise her to seek independent legal advice. The House, apparently unsolicited, went on to consider the case of homosexual relationships, and equated these with those of husband and wife. The House did not say how the bank manager is to decide which of the partners is the dominant one, nor consider the possibility that a husband might be in a similar position when called upon to charge a joint home in support of the debts of his wife's business. Many believe that a differently constituted court could have decided otherwise.

The decisions of the House of Lords, right or wrong, become the law of the land. But a Court of Appeal of judges just as eminent would surely reach decisions of equal value with less delay and cost for the litigants. The whole cumbersome framework of appeals should be examined. It seems certain that it will be — hopefully by Lord Woolf, who is currently conducting research into our whole civil justice procedures.

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The Bar should support students from low and middle-income backgrounds, he says, unless it believes "at bottom that enough talent exists among the children of the affluent to secure the profession's status and social utility into the 21st century". In which case, "it should say so and give up the quasi-egalitarian rhetoric."

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POLICE station clerks who are trying to obtain accreditation on the Law Society's new scheme are failing in significant numbers. The training organisation Central Law Training has reported a failure of 50 to 60 per cent on the section of the course which tests clerks' handling of real cases. Freelance clerks appear to be experiencing particular difficulties.

● *A JUDGE in Indiana has pleaded guilty to charges that he attempted to trade cocaine taken from his court's property room for sex with a policewoman who was posing as a prostitute. He was suspended with pay after being arrested in a motel room offering the drugs.*

Simons award

THE International Bar Association has established an award to honour the memory, endeavours and achievements of Bernard Simons, a partner in Simons Muirhead, who died while attending an association conference in Madrid in 1993. The award is to be made, says the IBA, "in recognition of personal endeavours in the practice of criminal law which make a substantial contribution to the promotion and protection and advancement of human rights".

Nominations should reach the association by March 1. For more information, phone 071-629 1206.

Madeleine May, the association's retiring executive director, has been made a CBE in the New Year's Honours List for services to the legal profession.

John Young, vice-president of the Law Society, says: "Thanks to Madeleine ... the IBA has become the largest, most effective and most influential organisation of its kind."

Caught out

IF YOU have been unable to track down your solicitor since Christmas, a clue as to his or her whereabouts appeared in this paper last Tuesday. A report on the last England versus Australia Test match identified the "motley and noisy Barmy Army" of England supporters as consisting of "holidaying solicitors and self-confessed dropouts". Like, as they say, goes with like.

Easier law

IN A report commissioned by the Department of Trade and Industry, the Law Commission has recommended a simplification of the law governing partnerships.

Its suggestions include a statutory partnership agreement and independent legal personality partnerships.

The Law Commission believes that such reforms would particularly benefit small businesses and offer a realistic alternative to incorporation. It also suggests that it may not be necessary to reform tax law in order to encourage disincorporation, although practitioners have pointed to the disincorporation tax trap.

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When the cracks open

Arguments among couples can harm the children: Dustin Hoffman and Meryl Streep squabble in the film *Kramer vs Kramer*

Conflicting court decisions are causing concern to lawyers who deal with family matters, reports **Helen Garlick**

With the festive season over, family lawyers will heave sighs of relief that problems over contact with the clients' children over Christmas are over — for another year at least. Especially if the family split has been recent, arguments about which parent eats the Christmas turkey with the children, and how long the children spend with each parent can develop into battlefields on which only pyrrhic victories can be won.

Felicity White of Russell-Cooke Potter & Chapman, solicitors based in Putney, southwest London, says: "At Christmas, clients often want to sort out all the problems before the new year so that they can start life afresh. Christmas is about the family. It is also a time when everyone needs more money. With extra pressures on both fronts for newly separated parents, situations all too easily develop into tussles between children and money."

The classic battle is for each parent to use their most powerful weapons: children for the mother and money for the father. Such human battles are set against a backdrop of recently conflicting court decisions, making it hard for family lawyers to advise their clients.

In theory, legal problems over contact — the new term for access — should have lessened since implementation of the Children Act 1989, which gave parents the initiative to resolve issues about their children, confining court orders to instances where they were *better* for the children.

If parents fall short of the Act's ideal that they are the best people to make the best arrangements for their children, the courts try to find out what would be best for the children, using a "welfare checklist" to ensure that the most important aspects are explored. Since psychological claims that children whose parents split up tend to fare better if they have regular contact with both parents, the Act's approach is child-centred. Its premise is that contact is every child's right.

In a handful of cases, courts have gone against the strong presumption in favour of contact if they have found "exceptional and cogent reasons" against it. Danger to the children has naturally been a well-established reason for refusing contact. More recently, implacable hostility by the caring parent and disruption to the security of a new family unit have also sometimes tipped the balance against contact.

Conflicts over how the courts work out what is best for the children have been brought into sharp focus by *Re M (Minors)*, reported in *The Times* Law Report last year. Unusually, this involved an application for contact by a mother, who had left her two children to be cared for by the father. The mother continued to see the children until 1991, about the time when the father began cohabiting with a new partner. The youngsters then showed signs of distress when seeing the mother, and she apparently accepted that, for the time being, contact was unworkable.

Several years later, she reapplied for contact, having herself established a new relationship. The court, to try to find out more, appointed a welfare officer to report on the family. The conclusion was that the children were emotionally secure in their new family, and after referring to the children's wish not to meet the mother, recommended no direct contact. The mother appealed but lost when Sir Nicholas Wilson said the court had to ask itself "whether the fundamental emotional need of every child to have an enduring relationship with both parents is outweighed by the depth of harm the child would be at risk of suffering by virtue of a contact order".

The facts as summarised in the *Law Report* reveal limited potential "depth of harm" factors other than the crucial fact that the two children were determinedly against it. Older children, especially teenagers, have had an increasing say in the outcome of cases involving them, but these children were only nine and eight.

Lawyers are expressing concern about how the "messages" of the case (sometimes at least as important as the decision itself) might be interpreted.

John Dewar, a lecturer in law at Oxford University, says: "The case seems to break new ground in elevating concerns about the children in the short term to the status of a cogent reason for refusing contact. It would be unfortunate if this case has the effect of making children's views more central to the outcome of contact disputes, especially given the susceptibility of children to the views of their primary carers on matter of contact."

Yuletide battles over contact may become even more bitter as the views of children are anxiously sought by each parent to arm them in the war over who gets to open the presents with whom.

● *The author is a lecturer at the Oxford Institute of Legal Practice.*

Edward Fennell on a merger that should prove significant

Taking the world by storm

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Victor Semmens, left, Peter Cole, Peter Scott and Jeremy Raisman

The announcement made yesterday of the merger between the national law firm Eversheds and the City solicitors, Jaques & Lewis, could be the single most important development among top commercial law firms of the 1990s.

Though the creation of Clifford Chance was the defining moment for the 1980s, the establishment of the new Eversheds, as both a national and an international firm with a powerful regional network and a strong presence in the City, could be a similar pivotal event for the 1990s. Eversheds will now be second in size to Clifford Chance with a total of 950 fee earners and is reckoned to be the fifth-largest law firm in the world.

The importance of the Eversheds move is that it unites strength in London with a series of top-quality regional outlets. Until now, Eversheds' aspirations to challenge successfully the elite group of London outfits has always been thwarted by its weakness in the capital. Now, while it still has some way to go, it can start to tilt at Clifford Chance, Freshfields and Linklaters on their own ground. Moreover, because of the healthy international practice of Jaques & Lewis, most notably in France and Germany, the new Eversheds has leapt overnight into a prominent European role.

With its UK practice bubbling away (last summer's Hambro Company Guide reported that Eversheds was the fastest recruiter of plc clients among the top ten law firms), we can expect to see strong actions soon on the European front. Victor Semmens, chairman of Eversheds, has hitherto played down the international dimension of the firm's ambitions on the realistic ground that it did not yet have the strength in depth to deal with it.

That view has now changed. Mr Semmens and his colleagues — including Peter Scott, who is the managing partner of Jaques & Lewis, and Peter Cole, the national managing partner of Eversheds — now have serious international ambitions. The likelihood is that we shall see a significant strengthening of the Jaques & Lewis network — perhaps starting with the office in Berlin — in the not-too-distant future.

The merger follows extensive market research. Both Eversheds and Jaques & Lewis say that their existing client base is happy with the development.

"There is always initial concern that they will lose contact with their existing lawyers," Mr Semmens said, "but once we assured them that will not happen, they are very positive about the services which the new firm will be able to offer."

> The regrouping follows extensive market research

The current Jaques & Lewis offices in Victoria Street will now become, in effect, the headquarters for the whole firm. For Jaques & Lewis clients, meanwhile, the 12 regional offices of Eversheds offer the promise of a one-stop shop for all legal matters regardless of their geographical location.

"I see the way clients use lawyers changing considerably," Mr Scott said. "There will be increasing use of outsourcing and a growing delegation of power for local managers to use local lawyers. The new Eversheds will be well placed to take advantage of these trends."

Partners at Jaques & Lewis are reported to have no sentimental regrets at the disappearance of the firm's name.

Like all the other Eversheds offices, it will continue as a subtitle until June, but then be replaced. This time next year, the proud and historic regional firms which came together to form Eversheds — such as Hepworth & Chadwick in Leeds, Alexander Tatham in Manchester and Daynes Hill & Perks in Norwich — will have passed into history. Only Eversheds will remain.

The significance of the Jaques & Lewis-Eversheds merger is underlined by the news that Christopher Haan and Peter Simpson, the two City solicitors, have joined Hammond Suddards, the firm based in Leeds and Bradford, and now storming the capital.

Hammond Suddards has recognised that it will reach its full potential only when it has as much credibility in the Square Mile as it has in its regional homeland.

By attracting two glamour names such as Haan and Simpson, it is now starting to do that. Both lawyers have come directly from the American firm Coudert Brothers, whose efforts to develop a strong English practice now seem to have stalled. The fact that Haan and Simpson, who were inundated by partnership offers, have decided to join Hammond Suddards, should send a ripple of anxiety around many top 20 firms.

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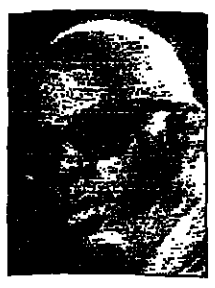

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Maverick with an epic touch

Whether staging Wagner's *Ring* or filming a Dumas novel, Patrice Chéreau never shirks the big challenge. **David Robinson** met him

Patrice Chéreau directing on the set of his new film. La Reine Margot: "It's only critics who bother their heads when you move from one medium to another"

Patrice Chéreau's name figures in London this week as director of *La Reine Margot*, the biggest and most spectacular European film of 1994. In contrast, he will be at the Edinburgh Festival this autumn as actor and director of an intimate, 90-minute, two-character stage play.

This sort of versatility has marked his whole career. In 1964, at the age of 20, he directed his first professional play; in 1969 he directed his first opera, and in 1974 his first film. His extraordinary centenary staging of *The Ring* at Bayreuth — arguably the most famous (or notorious) production that Wagner's four-opera saga has ever received — came two years later. Since then he has continued to move freely between the three forms, and acted from time to time as well.

Freely, but apparently not always easily. "The very worst thing in my job is when I have to do an opera immediately after a movie. Like this summer, I got crazy having to make the passage from *Margot* to directing *Don Giovanni* in Salzburg. Before that, in 1992, I'd done Berg's *Wozzeck* while already working on the *Margot* script, but that was easier. *Wozzeck* is a work apart."

> ❛ There is no escaping the contemporary relevance of the massacre ❜

Asked about the interaction of his work in the different forms, he says: "It's only critics who bother their heads when you move from one medium to another. They prefer you to stay in one category so that they can easily define you. It's tedious when people insist on looking for things in the theatre that come from your films or things in films that come from opera.

"At a certain point the work with the actors is the same, of course. But with a movie you have to shoot there and then, while with opera or theatre you have a longer time to make the performance. The only real relationship between theatre and movie and opera is that in all three you are trying to tell a story with actors.

"Certainly there is something very consciously operatic, if you like, about the marriage scene in *La Reine Margot*, but only because every official ceremony has an aspect of opera. My models for this scene were the Vatican Council and the Coronation of Elizabeth II at Westminster. Both very operatic productions."

He has been reported as saying that *La Reine Margot* gave him the same pleasure as *The Ring* at Bayreuth. "Pleasure? Maybe not. But the same difficulties, and I suppose that's what I enjoy. *The Ring* was awful to do — I thought it was the most difficult experience I had in my life, but *Margot* was worse, for its size and problems. They were both titanic jobs, monstrously complicated, but I had the feeling I knew how to do it.

"I was first attracted to Dumas's *La Reine Margot* by the story. Reading the novel, I felt that I would like to see this movie. I love the two levels: the politics and the private story of passion and hate. When I first read the novel, the description of the St Bartholomew Day massacre of the Huguenots moved me a lot. I thought it was important to make it today.

"There was no way to escape the contemporary relevance of this story of religious bigotry and persecution. During the time Daniele Thompson and I were working on the screenplay there was Romania, Bosnia, Iran, Rwanda. Every day we had before our eyes examples of how we could show the intolerance and violence of the massacre. So the massacre has the look of news reportage, whether of the slaughter in contemporary wars, or the disposal of corpses in the Nazi extermination camps.

"We made a great many changes to the novel, which is very discursive and repetitive. We were influenced by Heinrich Mann's *The Novel of Henry IV*. And 20 years ago I directed Christopher Marlowe's play *The Massacre at Paris*. That is almost contemporary, written only 20 years after the massacre, and intended as anti-Catholic propaganda.

"Despite the title, *Margot* is not the main character in Dumas's book. But we made her our central figure; we wanted to show a Renaissance woman. In Dumas, she is the heroine of a romantic love story. In our film she progresses from arrogance to compassion. What interested me was this process of change.

"I am also fascinated by her relationship with her monstrous family, as the daughter of Catherine de Medici. I recognised a parallel in the Wagner family: Winifred, the friend of Hitler, was a lot like Catherine. One day in Bayreuth I was having dinner with some members of the Wagner family, and one of Wieland's daughters said, very proudly, 'You are entering the house of the Atridae'. Margot, too, is both appalled and proud of her family."

Colour is very important to Chéreau; he recalls the impression made on him by Vincente Minnelli's use of colour in his remake of *The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*. "Richard Peduzzi, the production designer, has worked with me for 20 years. We didn't want the sets to be picturesque, anecdotal, conventional period pieces. We used old paintings for reference, but we didn't want to reproduce them. Colour, though, was important — the black of the Protestants, in mourning for their queen, set against the red draperies of the cathedral in the marriage scene; the red-stained linen of the massacre; the hunt in turquoise and red, except for the king, who is in white."

Chéreau's film has changed markedly since the cool reception given to its Cannes premiere. "Cannes is the worst place for French films. The French critics like to punish their own directors; and they are particularly resentful of any film produced, as mine is, by Claude Berri, whom they dislike on principle for making big-budget films of literary classics. With Cannes, too, there is always pressure to rush the film out for the festival, even if you don't feel that it is ready. Looking at the film three months later, I saw I could cut it differently and improve the narrative and pacing. I have had the luxury of working a lot more on the version that you now have in London.

"I've also added a title at the start of the film, to explain the historical situation, the conflict between Catholics and Protestants in late 16th-century France. It's strange that with a contemporary story people happily spend the first 20 minutes not knowing who is who, accepting that the point of the film is progressively to discover that. But with a historical film people get confused, because they believe they are supposed to understand everything. In France they feel particularly guilty because they don't remember who was the king at the time, and who was Protestant and Catholic."

What of the play that he is bringing to Edinburgh? "It is a revival of *In the Solitude of the Cotton Fields* by Bernard-Marie Koltes, which I first did in 1987. My co-player will be Pascal Greggory who plays Anjou in *La Reine Margot*. The movies tend to distract you from the theatre, but the theatre is my roots.

"Meanwhile I'm preparing a new film, which will be very different from *Margot*: small and contemporary. Probably not so small as my earlier films, because a film like *Margot* changes your habits. You find it normal and comfortable to have a big crew. It will be an original story about an intimate group of people. When you start to write, it is as if your characters slowly approach you out of a fog. You only discover them gradually, as they come much closer. At the moment they are still not near enough, still not quite out of the fog, but I am still writing."

● La Reine Margot *opens in Britain on Friday and will be reviewed on Thursday*

EARLY MUSIC: Vivid start to a new South Bank series

Old songs, modern themes

New London Consort
Purcell Room

JUSTLY renowned for its spectacular shows involving vast numbers of performers it may be, but the New London Consort is at its best when it is at its smallest. Here, at the beginning of another South Bank Early Music Series, there were just five musicians on stage, and often only one or two would participate at any one time. *Primus inter pares*, as usual, was the singer Catherine Bott. No other singer I know of can summon quite as she can the Schubertian intensity and sense of drama in music that dates from seven or eight centuries ago.

Here, in the seven beautiful and tragic love songs from the Martim Codex, the earliest surviving examples of secular music from the Iberian peninsula (only six have music which can be reconstructed, so the other, 'Eno sagrado en Vigo", was spoken over Philip Pickett's improvised hurdy-gurdy accompaniment) she conjured up the essence of the flavour of those lands and their peoples, a flavour reflected in the sound of the language as well as in its music, painting and poetry.

Likewise, two anonymous songs from the 13th-century Roman de Tristan, "Li solaus luist" and "A vous Tristan ami vera", were suffused with a deliciously agonised ardour. "Ar ne kuth ich sorghe non", a lament written by one Godfrey of St Victor in the 12th century and then, in the following century, apparently given the old English text sung here, touched the very heart of modern sensibilities.

But the programme was not all about doom and gloom in love. Bott's wonderful sense of theatre turned the *Carmina Burana* song "Ich was ein Chint so woltagen" from a potentially grim tale of rape into a cheeky and coy frolic — not very politically correct, but who should worry about that? Its partners in this little group, "Ecce gratum" and "Ecce torpet probitas" — the latter a song whose text, vilifying corruption in high places, is perfectly suited to our own times — were equally colourfully done.

Spontaneously improvised accompaniments were provided by Tom Finucane on gittern and lute, by Pavlo Beznosiuk on fiddle and rebec, occasionally by Stephen Henderson on bells, tambourine and drum, and by Pickett, the group's director, on recorder and symphony, who variously also played dances and instrumental versions of songs like "Gregis pastor Tityrus" and "Hac in anni Janua".

STEPHEN PETTITT

JAZZ: **Chris Parker** joins in standing ovations for the ever-modest Kenny Wheeler and up-and-coming Ed Jones

Adulation beyond our Ken

A PACKED Purcell Room, and its audience's wild enthusiasm, should — but probably does not — convince Toronto-born trumpeter and flugelhorn player **Kenny Wheeler**, currently marking his 65th birthday with a short series of concerts, that his habitual gloom-tinged modesty is entirely unnecessary.

Justly celebrated as a composer, fiercely inventive soloist, and simply as an indispensable part of the British jazz scene, he nevertheless still manages to exude despondency and shyness.

Thus, after beginning his concert by performing, with regular pianist John Taylor, an understated and genuinely affecting duo version of his famous composition "Everybody's Song But My Own", he merely murmured something about the difficulty of establishing ownership of tunes before launching into another duo version of a typically luminous but vigorous Taylor piece, "Pure and Simple".

The arrival on stage of saxophonist Evan Parker, guitarist Mike Walker and the rhythm section from the Creative Jazz Orchestra, shortly followed by an eight-piece brass section largely drawn from the same source, did seem to cheer Wheeler a little. Indeed, the brass's rendition of a Wheeler composition he announced as "a gooey mess in the baroque style with a little bit of Hindemith thrown in" and their subsequent contribution to his superbly lush "Jazzical Suite" was sufficiently sure-footed and sensitive to raise a smile from him, but he appeared to relax as completely as he ever does only in the concert's second half.

Here, Wheeler's unique compositional gifts — he is unrivalled in his ability to infuse all his writing with a highly romantic, but never sentimental, lyricism — were given full exposure. After a brief introductory free passage involving subtle interplay between all the main soloists, the whole ensemble performed a short piece requiring each band member to contribute a cadenza to a typically gently falling Wheeler theme.

DAVID REDFERN/REDFERNS

Kenny Wheeler blows his own trumpet for a change

Followed by a delicate but jauntily humorous piece, richly scored for the brass over a repeated tuba figure, it prepared the ground perfectly for the evening's climax: a flaringly brilliant version of the third part of Wheeler's "Gnu Suite", followed by his vigorous but faintly wistful 1985 composition "Foxy Trot".

In both these pieces, Wheeler did what he does best: cut through the plush sonority of the brass arrangements with incisive solos packed with his trademark high-note flurries, tinged with gently buoyant melancholy, and capping a performance that richly merited the extended ovation it received.

TENOR player supreme Dick Heckstall-Smith tells the story of his first hearing the playing of saxophonist **Ed Jones** thus: "It was summer 1986, Covent Garden. I heard what I assumed was a record player, but it turned out to be Ed busking in the street, not Coltrane coming from someone's window, as I'd thought."

That such high praise was not unduly hyperbolic was immediately proved once Jones stepped on to the bandstand at the Vortex, N16, with Jonathan Gee (piano), Arnie Somogyi (bass) and Brian Abrahams (drums). Launching himself into his own "Out in the Open", as if someone in the smallish but enthusiastic audience had fired a starting pistol, Jones demonstrated an almost obsessive interest in examining particularly felicitous passages of his own improvisations that brought the great man irresistibly to mind.

Playing tenor throughout, Jones shared frontline duties for the rest of the first set, and for the evening's finale, a rousingly informal version of "Bye Bye Blackbird", with unbilled guest, trumpeter Claude Deppa.

Although Deppa's smeary flurries of sound and relatively unstructured approach to soloing provided an initially startling contrast to the more architecturally minded playing of both Jones and Gee, Abrahams soon knitted the trumpeter into the group by responding to and encouraging his eccentricity while somehow contriving to maintain the rest of the band's rhythmic momentum.

But it was, fittingly, Jones himself who shone, whether he was subjecting Thelonious Monk's teasing "Rhythm-A-Ning" to minute scrutiny, steaming through Wayne Shorter vehicles like "Barracudas" and "Yes & No", or simply exploring the possibilities of standards.

It was one of the latter, the slow-burning, melancholy "You Don't Know What Love Is" — performed drummerless, the gentle propulsion provided by the assertive bass of Somogyi — that enabled Jones to show his more contemplative side.

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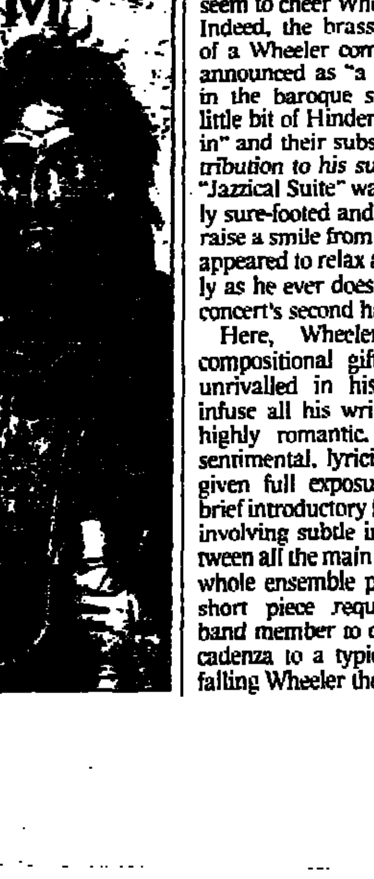

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Paul Haynes

LONDON

CHAMBER PREMIERE: The Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields Chamber Ensemble continues the Wigmore's Master Concert series with the UK premiere of Ross Edwards's octet *Veni Creator Spiritus*. Tonight's programme also includes works from Mozart and Brahms.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141). Tonight, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

GEORGE COLEMAN QUINTET: Ronnie Scott's bops this week to the annual appearance of the ever-popular tenor-saxophonist. Part of the select band of musicians who played with Miles Davis, Coleman now returns with his group for what should be some inspired playing.
Ronnie Scott's, 47 Frith Street, W1 (071-439 0747). Tonight-Sat.

AFTER THE LAST SKY: Six of Britain's foremost contemporary dancers appear in a video-projected performance — a collaboration between the radical choreographer **Rosemary Butcher**, independent film-maker **David Jackson** and composer **Simon Fisher Turner**. The spectator is surrounded by four suspended screens on which life-size projections of the dancers appear simultaneously. Initially based on a text concerning the plight of the Occupied Territories.
Royal College of Art, Kensington Gore, SW7 (071-250 3600). Today-Sun, 10am-6pm. Admission free.

ELSEWHERE

HALIFAX: The Russian All Stars continue their marathon tour of **Cinderella on Ice** with a week's stop-over here. Featured skaters have all won Olympic, world or european medals and are directed by the coach to over 30 Olympic medal winners, Marina Pestova. A cramped performance on a 40ft square ice rink constructed on the theatre stage but the firework finale is fun.
Victoria, Wards End (0422-351 158). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm.

DUNDEE: Last week of performances for Stuart Paterson's **Beauty and the Beast**. Paterson is renowned for a string of Christmas smash hits; Gregory Smith has done the lavish sets and costumes for this gothic fairy tale.
Rep, Tay Square (0382 223530). Today and Thurs, 2pm and 7.15pm; Wed and Fri, 7.15pm; Sat, 2.30 and 7.15pm. Ⓢ

BASINGSTOKE: Nearly the end of performances, too, for Barbara Windsor and Gordon Kaye in Basingstoke's "first-ever star-studded panto", **Cinderella**.
Anvil, Churchill Lane (0256 844244). Today, 2pm and 7.30pm, until Jan 21. Ⓢ

LONDON GALLERIES

British Museum: Japanese Imperial Craftsmen, final week (071-636 1555) **National Portrait Gallery:** The Sitwells (071-306 0055) . . **National Gallery:** The Young Michelangelo, final week (071-839 3321) . . . **Royal Academy:** The Painted Page (071-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine:** Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) . . . **Tate:** Clore Gallery (071-887 8000) . . . **V & A:** Kalighat: Indian Popular Painting 1800-1930, final week (071-938 8500) . . **Whitechapel:** Worlds in a Box (071-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

▨ **AIN'T MISBEHAVIN':** The Fats Waller musical show: an evening of stomping, tapping, exuberant song and dance.
Tricycle, Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Sats, 4pm. Ⓢ

▨ **THE CHILDREN'S HOUR:** Clare Higgins and Harriet Walter as schoolteachers accused of being lovers by a brat student. Lillian Hellman's powerful drama from 1934.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Today, 2.15 and 7.30pm, tomorrow, 7.30pm. Ⓢ

▨ **GRIMM TALES:** Tim Supple's superb staging of these really bloodthirsty tables. An amazing evening. Unforgettable.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, at different times. Ⓢ

▨ **LEOCADIA:** First night of previews for Timberlake Wertenbaker's new translation of Anouilh's enchanting *pièce rose*, staged here in 1954 as *Time Remembered*. Presented by Generation X Theatre Co and directed by Jonathan Cognac.
New End, New End, Hampstead, NW3 (071-794 0022). Tonight and tomorrow, 8pm. Opens Thurs; until Feb 5. Ⓢ

▨ **THE MAN OF MODE:** Etherege's wittiest comedy: sex, style and even some true love. David Westhead as Dorimant, Tim Potter as Sir Fopling Flutter. Max Stafford-Clark directs; in repertoire with *The Libertine*.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm.

☐ **NEW ENGLAND:** Richard Nelson looks at the English abroad, behaving just as Americans say we do. Interesting ideas and good acting led by Angela Thorne and David Burke.
Pit, Barbican Centre EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, 7.15pm. Ⓢ

☐ **PETER PAN - THE BRITISH MUSICAL:** Ron Moody and Nicola Stapleton in a version written, composed and directed by Piers Chater-Robinson.
Cambridge, Earlham St, WC2 (071-494 5080). Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mats most days, 2.30pm. Until Jan 21.

☐ **RAISING FIRES:** Black Essex girl suspected of arson in the days of witch burning. Strong sense of period in Jenny McLeod's award-winning play about greed, gossip and hypocrisy.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Tonight-Sat, 8pm. Final performances.

☐ **THE RIVALS:** Richard Cottrell's likeable production from Chichester, with Patricia Routledge's splendidly wild Mrs Malaprop like a lace-encrusted windmill.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3pm. Final week.

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN:** Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille show how youthful high spirits petrify into grim old age. Superb performances in Albee's drama.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia:** Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Beautiful Thing:** Duke of York's (071-836 5122) . . ☐ **Blood Brothers:** Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . ☐ **Buddy:** Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . ■ **Cats:** New London (071-405 0072) . . ☐ **Copacabana:** Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . ☐ **Crazy for You:** Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner:** Duchess (071-494 5070) . . ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe:** Lyric (071-494 5045) . . ▨ **Grease:** Dominion (071-416 6060) ▨ **An Inspector Calls:** Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . ▨ **Les Misérables:** Palace (071-434 0909) . . ▨ **Miss Saigon:** Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . ☐ **Neville's Island:** Apollo (071-494 5070) . . ☐ **On Approval:** Playhouse (071-839 4401) . . ☐ **Once on This Island:** Island (Royalty), (071-494 5090) . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera:** Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie:** Strand (071-930 8800) . . ☐ **The Queen and I:** Vaudeville (071-836 9987) . . ☐ **She Loves Me:** Savoy (071-836 8888) . . ☐ **The Sisters Rosensweig:** Old Vic (071-928 7616) ☐ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . ☐ **Sunset Boulevard:** Adelphi (071-344 0055) ☐ **The Woman in Black:** Fortune (071-836 2238)

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

AMATEUR (15): Amnesiac pornographer faces his past with a former nun's help. Quirky, touching, pseudo-thriller from Hal Hartley, with Martin Donovan and Isabelle Huppert.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Uma Thurman heads a cameo-strewn cast.
Metro (071-437 0757) **MGM Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Hill** Ⓢ (071-435 3366)

LOVE, CHEAT & STEAL (18): Failed film noir from new director William Curran, with Madchen Amick, John Lithgow and Eric Roberts.
MGM Piccadilly (071-437 3561)

SHALLOW GRAVE (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston, Ewan McGregor.
Gate Notting Hill (071-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

STARGATE (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative, but fun. Roland Emmerich directs.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **TIMECOP** (18): Tedious and violent tale of Jean-Claude Van Damme's time-travelling cop. With Mia Sara, Ron Silver. Director, Peter Hyams.
Empire Ⓢ (0800 888911) Ⓢ **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3303)

◆ **WES CRAVEN'S NEW NIGHTMARE** (15): An inventive riff on the "Elm Street" movies from the original's creator, director Wes Craven. With Robert Englund and Heather Langenkamp.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **West End** (0426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

CURRENT

GEORGE BALANCHINE'S THE NUTCRACKER (U): The New York City Ballet's famous production, reverently transferred to film with Macaulay Culkin as the Nutcracker Prince. Director, Emile Ardolino.
MGMs: Fulham Rd Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Rd** (071-636 6148)

◆ **JUNIOR** (PG): Juvenile jokes abound as Arnold Schwarzenegger gets pregnant. With Emma Thompson and Danny DeVito. Director, Ivan Reitman.
Empire Ⓢ (0800-888 911) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332)

◆ **PRINCESS CARABOO** (PG): Airy, amusing historical diversion, with Phoebe Cates as the mysterious girl believed to be a Far Eastern princess. With Jim Broadbent, John Lithgow, Stephen Rea and Wendy Hughes.
MGM Trocadero Ⓢ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** Ⓢ (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE SPECIALIST** (15): Sharon Stone hires explosives expert Sylvester Stallone to avenge her parents' murder. Empty concoction that wastes its stars. Director, Luis Llosa.
MGMs: Fulham Road Ⓢ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** Ⓢ (071-727 6705) **UCI Whiteleys** Ⓢ (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

VANYA ON 42ND STREET (U): Absorbing film of Andre Gregory's treatment of "Uncle Vanya", caught in rehearsal by Louis Malle's cameras at a decrepit New York theatre. Wallace Shawn, Julianne Moore, Brooke Smith and George Gaynes head the fine cast.
Barbican Ⓢ (071-638 8891) **Curzon Mayfair** (071-369 1720)

POP: Hormones a-go-go with a soul superstud; roadies out of the wings and into the limelight

A girl's girl's girl's girl's man

R. Kelly
Wembley Arena

There are occasions when you know beyond all possible doubt that you are in the wrong place at the wrong time. For me, Block 32, Row C, Seat 94 last Friday night was one of them. Sitting primly in my allocated space, folded coat and newspaper stowed carefully at my feet lest they trouble a neighbour, I found myself assaulted repeatedly and comprehensively on all sides by the flailing limbs, pumping torsos and flying hair of sexually precocious teenage girls.

Many males would pay good money for such treatment, I reminded myself at regular intervals, as yet another lycra-coated derrière negotiated its way forcefully into the void between my face and that of a distant R. Kelly, the 24-year-old R'n'B wunderkind from Chicago, Illinois. Somehow, it provided little comfort.

Not that appearing invisible to the opposite sex is necessarily a problem for your hapless correspondent. But what an exhibition of feminine libido this was. Within an arena accommodating 12,000, perhaps as few as 35 per cent were male. And however much the more confident members among that minority stroked and strutted their stuff (this was no occasion for subtlety), they were on a hiding to nothing. Kelly is, as the popular saying goes, sex on a stick: a man who makes his similarly cocky musical peer Bobby Brown look like the Tiny Tim of contemporary black pop, who makes the veteran Barry White sound like some sad heavy breather on BT's wanted list. Absolutely no contest.

A preview film gave a good indication of what was coming: a Hannibal Lecter-like setting, complete with menacing soundtrack and amply proportioned female guards, to signal the dangerous, possibly fatal nature of R. himself, subject of a lingering toe-to-top camera pan that proved him to be 100 per cent prime beefsteak, decorated with a pristine white athletic support and a pair of Ray-Bans. Then the man himself arrived on stage, bristling with attitude and not in the least troubled by a lack of confidence. "How many of you feel as freaky as I do tonight," he asked, caressing his groin extravagantly and so inviting general mayhem. Somehow I knew that it was not me who was being addressed.

"Me. Get me. Do me. Get your ass over to me," cried the young voices around me, variously and ever-loudly, outer garments being shrugged off until I was left struggling to see the stage from beneath the wool, nylon and duckdown thrust into my lap. A totally unnecessary inquiry as to whether it was OK for him to come down among us and slow dance with one of the "laydees" only added to the problem. Thwack! But of course, I'd be delighted to hold your cardigan. Splat! No really, it's my pleasure to take temporary custody of your leather jacket and purse. By the time that R. had announced that he felt so horny that he needed someone to go home with, to lie with, sleep with, play with, my fate was sealed. A Tannoy might as well have announced: "Check all surplus items at Block 32, Row C, Seat 94."

Which was a shame in a way. Because music is what Kelly is about when he isn't being all about sex (the two are inextricably linked for him). The success of the debut album *Born into the Nineties* and last year's winning if super-libidinous follow-up, *12 Play* may have escaped wider attention, but it is impossible to ignore the man's growing constituency.

Less than a year ago, he commanded a mere one-night audience at the Hammersmith Apollo. Now, thanks to such genuinely, gorgeously and sinfully irresistible tracks as "Your Body's Callin'", "I Like the Crotch On You" and the current hit single "Bump 'N' Grind", he has taken swing-beat to a new and heady high. Despite having missed the finer points of the X-rated routines of Kelly's female dancers (owing to being three coats deep beneath the debris of my neighbours), I was mightily impressed.

ALAN JACKSON

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Testing, testing, one-two, one-two: the first ever roadie convention was nothing like anything you would imagine

ARE roadies — the groupie-pulling, drug-taking backstage boys who arrange lighting, sound and backline systems for the stars of the pop music world — going soft? Up to a hundred of them gathered last week in the basement gloom of the Marquee in the West End of London for their first convention, the ultimate step towards respectability.

More than half of them declined to be described as roadies any more, preferring the description "road-crew technicians." And they condemned their public image as denizens of a sex-and-drugs culture that no parents would want their sons to inhabit.

Dave Fowler, who has just finished a six-week tour with the Kinks as guitar technician to lead guitarist Dave Davies and bass player Jim Rodford, is typical of the new generation. "Touring personnel are effectively roadies by virtue of the fact they are on the road," he says. "But it's an outdated term that winds a lot of people up. It conjures up a stereotypical image in which, when we are not watching the show, we are supposed to be stoned out of our heads and shagging everything in sight. It's not like that any more, or at least it does not apply to the crew. Technology has advanced enormously and that's what the job is about."

John Easton, resident sound engineer at the Marquee, says: "The nearest I have ever come to the attention of groupies was when two drunken Irishmen fought over who was going to carry one of my guitar cases."

It also emerged that Britain's 1,000-plus professional road crew technicians, who expect to earn no less than £400 a week, are neither exclusively male nor fresh from school. Coral Cooper, 50, mother of three and lighting designer to Bob Geldof for four years, says: "Roadies don't exist any more. We are all technicians now. Sex and drugs? Our reputation is ridiculous. If anyone was found on tour with drugs they would be out of a job."

The event was organised as a tribute to the late Tim Warhurst, son of the former *Times* photographer Bill Warhurst. Tim, a highly respected sound engineer, was killed last September — weeks before his father also died — when equipment fell on him at the Docklands Arena in East London. The convention raised money for the McIntyre School for Downs Syndrome, which is attended by Tim's sister.

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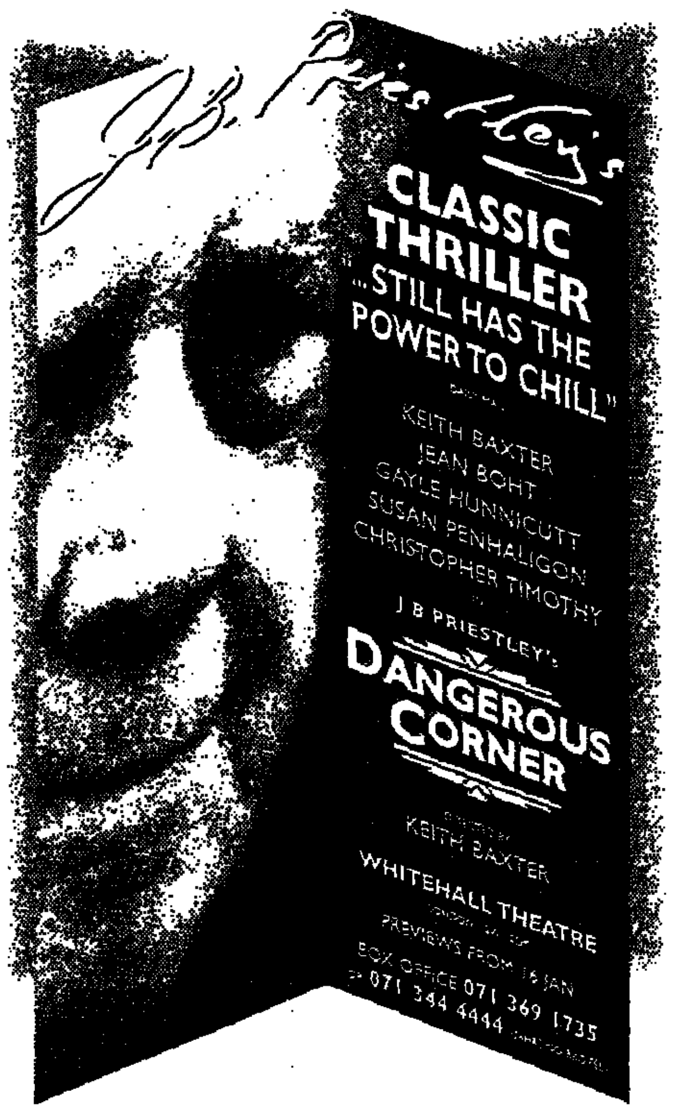

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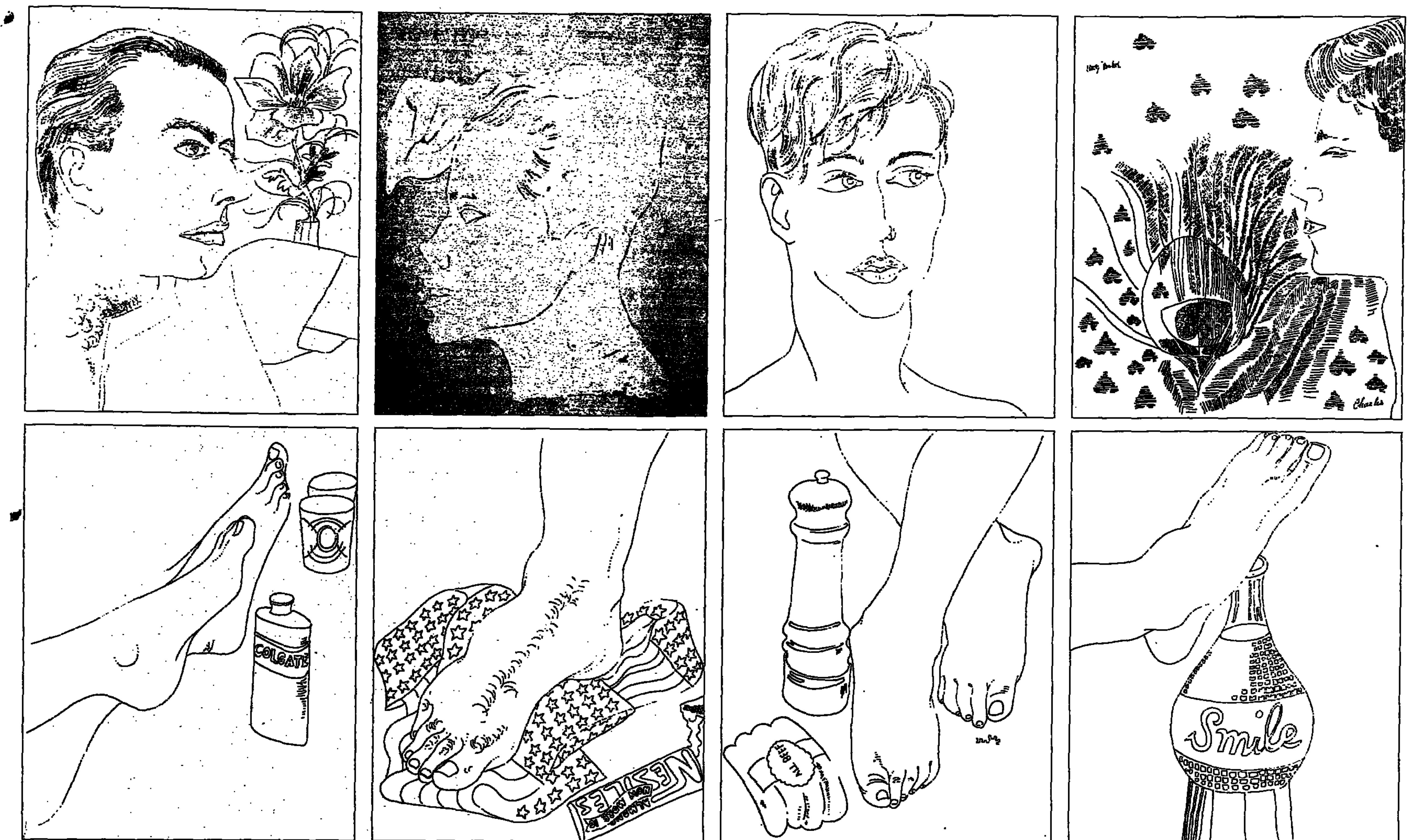


"Warhol spent a great deal of time scrutinising attractive young men, many of whom are referred to in the captions as *Unknown Male* . . . even more provocative are the drawings where Warhol closes in on anonymous men's feet"

The Andy before Warhol

When Andy Warhol suddenly became notorious, as the most brazen exponent of American Pop Art, he tried hard to erase all trace of the handmade from his work. The big silkscreened pictures of the early 1960s, with their repetitive emphasis on Coke bottles, dollar bills and Campbell's soup cans, seemed devoid of individuality. Deadpan and machine-like, they embraced mass-production and shunned everything traditionally associated with the notion of an artist's unique sensibility.

Confronted by such absolute assurance, most viewers at the time would never have suspected that Warhol's earlier work had been so quirky and defiantly personal. At first sight, the exhibition of his 1950s drawings at the Anthony d'Offay Gallery looks like the work of a different artist. Modest in size, and often reliant on delicate line with seductive ink washes, they reveal an alter ego he subsequently attempted to hide.

Hence the fascination of the present show, which includes many hitherto unseen works from the Warhol estate. They chart the surprising activities of a man who, after moving to New York in 1949, spent the next decade earning his living as a commercial artist. A year before, while a student at the Carnegie Institute of Technology, he had displayed a taste for rebellion by submitting a deliberately crude, graffiti-like painting to the Pittsburgh Artists' Annual Exhibition. Brashly entitled *The Broad Gave Me My Face, But I Can Pick My Own Nose*, this rasping self-portrait divided the jurors. But once he had settled in New York, and started working for *Glamour* magazine, this aggressive streak was replaced by charm and wit.

The young man who had grown up as Andrew Warhola now shortened his name, and soon received commissions from *Vogue*, *Seventeen*, *The New Yorker* and *Harper's Bazaar*. The spidery style he adopted for his illustrations was wayward, whimsical and *faux naïf*. Magazine editors and commercial agencies relished his resourcefulness, and in 1952 Warhol was awarded the Art Directors Club Medal for his newspaper advertising work. At the age of 24, he seemed destined for lifelong success in a profession quick to applaud his deftness and inventive flair.

Warhol, however, was not content with such a career. As the d'Offay survey reveals, he was also making drawings of a more private, even obsessive kind. In an early manifestation of his later interest in celebrities, he became infatuated with Truman Capote after seeing the author's photograph on a book jacket. He besieged Capote with letters and phone calls, relenting only after the writer's mother asked him to stop. Even so, Warhol's first one-man show, at the Hugo Gallery in New York, was called *Fifteen Drawings Based on the Writings of Truman Capote*.

> ‘The show includes many hitherto unseen works’

The present exhibition contains an ink study of the author, carried out in flowing lines halfway between the rigour of Matisse and the laziness of Cocteau. Inscribed with the word "Truman", as if Warhol knew his sitter well, the portrait stakes all on a display of effortless poise. But in the end, it says far more about Warhol's desire to befriend the famous than about Capote himself.

All the same, most of the people in these early drawings are not celebrities. Warhol spends a great deal of time scrutinising attractive young men, many of whom are referred to in the captions as *Unknown Male*. He makes no attempt to disguise the pictures' homoerotic allure. They look intimate enough to be portraits of boyfriends, and in one instance the pouting profile resolves itself into the features of Charles Lisanby. He was Cecil Beaton's assistant, and his close relationship with Warhol led them to collaborate in 1954 on the promotional book *25 Cats Name Sam and One Blue Pussy*.

Lisanby's face has a feline quality thoroughly in tune with the book's illustrations. Beneath languorously lowered lids, he gazes towards a strange fan-like object, festooned with feathers. Inverted hearts float around this fetishistic form, giving the whole work the tipsy air of an upside-down Valentine card.

Even more provocative are the drawings where Warhol closes in on anonymous men's feet. In style, they are intriguingly reminiscent of the linear studies David Hockney would start producing in the following decade. But Warhol also discloses his awakening interest in Pop subject matter, juxtaposing the feet with ordinary household objects. In one ballpoint study, where the feet are crossed with balletic precision, he includes an upright pepper-mill and a still more phallic packet of sausages. The words on the label, ALL BEEF, are spelt out with care. Their sexual suggestiveness needs no underlining, but Warhol seems to take pleasure in the words for their own sake as well.

He sees no reason why brand names should be avoided, and in other drawings they play a prominent part in the image as a whole. Next to a pair of reclining feet, a container bears the word COLGATE in brash capitals. Even more prophetic is a study of a hairy foot standing, as if in triumph, on a crumpled towel emblazoned with the Stars and Stripes. This is the work of an artist who would have been looking keenly at Jasper Johns's contemporaneous paintings of the American flag. But Warhol goes further than Johns in his willingness to flout the Abstract Expressionists, who had insisted on banishing all references to everyday urban life from their paintings. For the foot appears to be trampling the Stars and Stripes, and on a nearby chocolate bar, the name NESTLES fills the wrapper with its blatant, big-selling letters.

> ‘On the whole, the mood is playful, not sinister’

Sex, food and advertising come together in this sly drawing, which seems at first such a guileless performance. However slight and innocent these images may appear at the outset, they usually turn out to carry an unexpected sting.

The artist who drew this double-edged picture would later decide, in his Pop heyday, to fill some of his work with harrowing newspaper photographs of car accidents and electric chairs. But on the whole, the mood in this exhibition is playful, not sinister.

The green-eyed cat that appears in one picture may, in this respect, be seen as a disguised self-portrait, grinning as he stares out at the viewer and prepares his next cunning manoeuvre. The cat's air of calculation was shared by Warhol, as he prepared himself to cross over from commercial art to the world of smart Manhattan galleries. The consistent simplicity with which he isolates an image, often on a lustrous gold-leaf ground, looks forward to the approach he would favour in his Pop work. So does his willingness to rely for assistance, not only on a doting mother, but on friends who hand-coloured the cat illustrations for him.

Collaboration would be an abiding feature of his mature art, and hindsight enables us to realise how cannily he used his commercial contacts as a launching-pad for his career as a fully fledged artist. In 1961, Warhol displayed five large paintings as a backdrop for mannequins in the window of Bonwit Teller, whose 57th Street shop he had decorated on many occasions before. This time, though, the paintings were his first raw attempts at filling canvases with heretical images culled from strip cartoons, pulp advertising and other, equally banal sources. Within a year, he had taken these pioneering paintings out of the shop-front and into the gallery.

● Andy Warhol — Gold, Silver & Other Early Drawings *is at Anthony d'Offay, 23 Dering Street, W1 (071-499 4100) until Jan 26*

THEATRE: Well-crafted two-hander about a childless couple

Game, unhappy families

Quelques Fleurs
Old Red Lion

VERENA is really glad she doesn't have children. She and her husband, Derek, a diver on an Aberdeen oilrig, did have tests to see why they weren't managing any, but that was years ago and she can honestly say that life is so much richer without weans being sick, and worse, on the shagpile.

Poor Joy, her sister, well, she has five now, and what with her husband unemployed they have to pig it in a council flat. Verena purses her lips, leans forward and, in a few choice phrases, indicates that her sister is not to be envied.

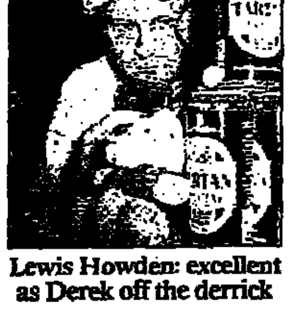
In the course of her 80-minute play Liz Lochheed reveals the darker underside of Verena's professed contentment. The writing is rich in lively details concerning shopping trips, women's get-togethers and the painful behaviour of in-laws, all of which Carolyn Bonnyman conveys in her expressive, confidential voice.

Lochheed's skilful dialogue gradually builds the suspicion that Verena's life is not so happy after all, that a desperate longing impels her purchase of unsuitably expensive Christmas presents.

At the end of her scenes Bonnyman stands up from her chair, alters the date on a desk calendar and leaves the stage.

Attention now moves to Derek, drinking his way through a couple of six-packs as his train brings him back from Aberdeen to Glasgow on Christmas Eve 1991. His four scenes show him at different stages on this journey, the last stage first and the first last. This means that Lewis Howden begins by showing Derek arriving at Queen Street obstreperously drunk and regressively becoming less so until, as the train leaves Aberdeen and he is quite sober, we discover what has been agitating him all this time.

Meanwhile, Bonnyman's scenes carry her forward from the previous Christmas Eve until she and Howden are within a few moments of meeting each other and her anguished secret will be out.



Lewis Howden: excellent as Derek off the derrick

It is an effective way of telling two sides of a story, climaxing in the tragic irony of Howden's excellently played Derek wondering what name to give the child, Joy's sixth, that he and Verena have agreed to adopt. Shall it be Brent, or Piper, or even Forties? Joyce Deans directs with nae flaw.

JEREMY KINGSTON

AROUND THE GALLERIES

In families of painters, some must inevitably be more famous than others. Carle Vernet's father, Joseph, was a famous painter of the *ancien régime*; his son, Horace, was famous in the generation of Géricault. But Carle (1758-1836) remained more obscure, remembered chiefly as Géricault's prinicipal mentor, and as teacher of several important young Romantics. He himself was betwixt and between as an artist. Starting in the grand classical style, he eventually found his true form as a witty and precise observer of *Directoire* fads and fantasies, and especially of horses, their riders and *élégance militaire* in general. Baudelaire praised him for his vivacity and lack of pretension — a view more than borne out by the slight but sparkling pencil sketches in Wildenstein's current exhibition of his work.

Wildenstein & Co, 147, New Bond Street, London W1 (071-629 0602), Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, until January 20

☐ To judge from the "To Let" signs prominent outside, the Architecture Foundation's tenancy of its Bury Street Galleries is likely to be of limited duration. A pity, because London has no other comparable space devoted to contemporary architecture. The current show, "Building Bridges", is a favourable example of the foundation's work. The brief for this particular project was to provide foot bridges linking Canary Wharf with South Quay on one side and West India Quay on the other, as well as a 200-metre bridge across the Royal Victoria Dock. Building will start on the winning designs before the end of the year, so this is no Utopian notion, but rather an immediate practicality. The ideas range from the strictly (but stylishly) functional, to more fantastical constructions and, rather less comfortably, one or two self-consciously decked out with meaningless modernistic detailing.

Architecture Foundation, 30 Bury Street, SW1 (071-839 9380) Tuesday-Friday 12-noon-6pm (Thursday to 8pm), Saturday-Sunday 2-6pm, until February 26

☐ Time was when originals of the innumerable drawings made for reproduction by British artists since the onset of photo-reproduction were so thick on the ground that many such illustrators never thought of even trying to sell them. Nowadays, of course, matters are far different. If Chris Beetles, year after year, manages to keep up the quality of his comprehensive "Illustrators" shows, which cover everything from the 1880s right up to the present, it is a tribute to his perspicacity and skill in chasing down even the most obscure caches. Naturally, there have always been the stars: enthusiasts have never been lacking for the slightest scribble to fall from the pen of Arthur Rackham or Heath Robinson. But Beetles has turned up and documented many lesser contemporaries, not to mention later figures such as Mabel Lucie Attwell.

Every now and then a suspicion of kitsch may raise its horribly alluring head, but in the main what this season's show goes for is powerful draughtsmanship, from people like Eric Fraser, and strong individuality, from people like (but then, who is really like?) Mervyn Peake. Those who purchase are usually so desperate to take possession that some of the most spectacular pieces have already been lifted from the walls, but there is still enough splendid stuff left to rate a long hard look.

Chris Beetles Gallery, 10 Ryder Street, SW1 (071-839 7429) Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, until Saturday

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Romario pines for home in wake of Barcelona's humiliation

Real Madrid take their revenge

By Rob Hughes, Football Correspondent

How do you tell Steve Bruce and Gary Pallister that the Barcelona strikers, Romario and Hristo Stoichkov, *cannot play*, will not play and are not worth the ink on the team-sheet their *names are written in or* the £1 million each is paid per year.

The two Barcelona forwards — who bewitched Manchester United last November in the *European Cup Champions'* League, when the score in the Nou Camp was 4-0 but could have been anything the Barcelona egos demanded — were *bit-players last Saturday*, blamed in large measure for Barcelona's 5-0 humiliation by Real Madrid, their biggest defeat by their arch rivals for *41 years*.

Of course, why blame individuals? Where was Johan Cruyff's famous "total football"? It was destroyed, just as *convincingly as it was in* Athens last May against AC Milan in the European Cup Final. Because Cruyff is so given to explaining the beau*ties of his system to the world*, there are cynics who scoff that total football sometimes leads to total capitulation.

Either way, the 107,000 *packed into the towering* Santiago Bernebéu stadium celebrated with almost hysterical *passion on Saturday*, fuelled by the political rivalry between the Spanish capital and the adopted representatives of the separatist Catalans. The victory was further sweetened by a taste of revenge, for, exactly a year ago, Romario had scored three times as Barcelona had thrashed Real by an identical scoreline. There was even a hat-trick on this occasion, plundered before half-time by Ivan Zamorano, the Chile international centre forward.

Zamorano, the leading goalscorer in the Spanish League, may have utterly mis*judged the meaning of his* achievement by dedicating his goals to Chile, but never mind — he assisted in two further goals and played 90 minutes. *Not so Barcelona's errant* geniuses. Stoichkov deservedly received the European footballer-of-the-year award last month and his coach had rung *round journalists to ensure* that they would vote for him.

Sadly, in the emotion of Saturday night as the result sank in, Cruyff condemned Stoichkov, saying: "He needs to get his head out of the clouds and his feet back on the ground." Not on somebody else's knee-cap, as Stoichkov did on the *stroke of half-time*, receiving the red card for stamping on Quique Sánchez, *the Madrid full back*.

Where was Romario? And where will he by the end of this week? *According to claims* from Rio de Janeiro, the poor fellow has had enough of eight *years of sentimental* estrangement on the European continent and "agreement" has been reached for his immediate transfer to Flamengo. We *shall see*.

On Saturday, he was merely on the substitutes' bench, left there as punishment for returning home from his *Christmas* break *in Brazil* demanding to be released from such onerous European duty and to be allowed to return to the "season of joy" *that has followed his exhilarating* leadership of Brazil's World Cup win in 1994.

The little match-winner is apparently under the spell of *one* Kleiber *Leite, the new* president of the Rio club. Though Leite has taken over a destitute organisation, he convinced Romario that a beer *company, Brahma*, will pay $4 million (about £2.6 million) for his return. The figure had appeared to expand to $8 million (about £5.25 million), *allegedly Barcelona's asking* price, last night.

Certainly, Romario is unhappy. Carles Rexach, Cruyff's assistant, admitted: "We were *all taken by surprise* when he [Romario] came back from Brazil and started talking about the possibility of leaving. When a player tells *you clearly he wants to go, you* can't tie him down. You have to understand him and look for a solution." In any event, Cruyff was dissatisfied *enough with Romario's* attitude to leave him out for the big occasion in Madrid, and, when he belatedly did appear for the second half, his influence was peripheral.

Cruyff, then, has work to do, but Jorgé Valdano, Real's Argentinian coach, can reflect on a job well done — thus far, at least. *Since* he took over at the start of the season, even his misjudgments have turned up *trumps*. For example, he swore, on taking the job, that Zamarano would be sold. He tried hard to off-load the Chilean, and, when nobody *accepted the offer, he informed* Zamarano that he would have to fight for a place in the side.

The Latin psychology has worked so far. Zamarano, *rejected with scarcely a chance* to make an imprint at Bologna in Italy, has so far hit the net 17 times in 16 games. His sharpness, appetite and confidence *have now emphatically* accounted for Barcelona.

Yet, one month ago, Real, having already beaten the part-timers of OB Odense 3-2 in Denmark, *succumbed to* an astonishing 2-0 defeat in the Bernebéu. "Digesting this loss is like digesting poison," Valdano said then. After the *poison*, came the sweet *elixir* on Saturday.

Everton's second attempt to lure Dean Saunders from Aston Villa has been rejected. Joe Royle, having failed with a £2 million offer for the *striker, yesterday returned* with a "strong inquiry" but received "no encouragement".

Romario takes on Miguel-Angel Nadal during training in Barcelona yesterday

Gillingham seek saviour

By Our Sports Staff

GILLINGHAM, of the Endsleigh Insurance League third division, announced yesterday that they had gone into receivership after the breakdown of rescue proposals.

Bernard Baker, the chairman, had hoped to be able to raise £200,000 to buy out the majority shareholding of *Tony Smith, the director, that* was put up for sale in the autumn. But Baker was unable to find the money and the club said yesterday that a *Sussex-based firm had been* appointed as administrative receivers and charged with finding new owners.

Smith said: "When the *financial package promised* by Bernard Baker did not materialise, there was no realistic alternative to administrative receivership. It has always been my prime objective that the club should survive, and I am confident that it will and the receivers will be successful in finding a buyer."

Gillingham's biggest crowd of the season — 10,425 — watched the FA Cup third*round defeat by Sheffield* Wednesday on Saturday, prompting Smith to add: "I urge all supporters to help ensure the survival of Gilling*ham by attending matches*."

Tom Burton, the joint receiver, who met players and staff at Priestfield yesterday, took an optimistic view of the *future of the club*. "We are reviewing the position very carefully and, although the club's financial position is *extremely precarious*, we are hopeful we can ensure its *long-term survival*," *he said*. "The club's cash flow is tight, but our objective is to keep the club trading and playing its fixtures while we find a buyer."

Ian Cotton, a spokesman for the Football League, said *there was concern* at Gillingham's decision. The Kent club is the second from the third division to take the step this season — Exeter was the *other — and Cotton added*: "We will be asking for an urgent meeting between the receivers and our board of directors to ascertain the *circumstances behind this* move."

Stubborn Gallian frustrates Indian spinners

By Our Sports Staff

JASON GALLIAN, the Lancashire opening batsman, spared England A from an embarrassing collapse in Ma*dras yesterday, enduring* almost three hours of high-quality spin bowling for an unbeaten 36 against an Indian Board President's XI.

Gallian's stubborn application, supported for the last 45 minutes of play by Dominic Cork, *guided England to 131* for four at the close of the second day in reply to the Indian team's 333 for six declared.

After labouring for *more* than four sessions in the field as the *President's XI* built an impressive total, the England batsmen were then subjected to the sort of pressure from the spinners that proved too much for Graham Gooch's full England team here two years ago.

They all but succumbed, with Nick Knight (41) and Alan Wells both sacrificing their wickets by lofting drives as the three-pronged spin attack took the initiative. David Hemp, of Glamorgan, then paid the price for going on to the back foot and was leg-before for five.

His wicket left England *struggling at 105 for four and* it took Gallian's determination and intense concentration to stop the slide.

Both Gallian and Cork *played with sound technique* against the spinners, using their pads and getting forward to all but the shortest of deliveries. Cork drove Sairaj *Bahutule, the leg spinner, for* six as the pair safely negotiated their way to the close with two days still to play.

John Barclay, the England *tour manager, said: "I thought* Jason batted superbly in that last session to hold things together. Those two hours were probably the most valu*able in terms of experience* that he has ever spent on a cricket field. It just shows the value for young players to come to countries like this."

BOARD PRESIDENT'S XI: First innings

*V Rathore c Johnson b Salisbury	59
A V Mehra lbw b Ilott	*8*
S C Ganguly c and b Salisbury	69
R Dravid lbw b Cork	84
S Rizwan c Cork b Patel	78
S Bahutule c Piper b Vaughan	4
†A Vaidya not out	*10*
Extras (b 8, lb 3, w 1, nb 9)	21
Total (6 wkts dec)	333

V Chatterjee, A Kuruvilla, S Ankola and K Singh did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-25, 2-117, 3-160, 4-278, 5-285, 6-333.

BOWLING: Ilott 12-3-27-1; Johnson 15-1-42-0; Gallian 8-1-44-0; Cork 22-5-51-1; Salisbury *34-8-77-2*; Patel *32.3-10-61-1*; Vaughan 5-10-20-1.

ENGLAND A: First innings

N V Knight c Bahutule b Singh	41
M P Vaughan b Kuruvilla	14
J E R Gallian not out	36
*A P Wells c Rathore b Chatterjee	5
D L Hemp lbw b Singh	5
D G Cork not out	17
Extras (b 1, w 2, nb 10)	13
Total (4 wkts)	131

†K J Piper, I D K Salisbury, R L Johnson, M C Ilott and M M Patel to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-33, 2-80, 3-95, 4-105.

BOWLING: Ankola 6-1-31-0; Kuruvilla 8-1-23-1; Singh 19-4-41-2; Bahutule 14-3-30-0; Chatterjee 11-8-3-1.

Umpires: S Choudhry and N Menon.

McMillan returns to ring after 15 months

COLIN McMILLAN, Britain's most gifted boxer, returns *to* the ring *next month* after an absence through injury of 15 months (Srikumar Sen writes). He will box on February 4 in Cardiff against Lee Cargill, of the *United States, on the* undercard of the bill on which Steve Robinson defends his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title against Domingo *Damingella*, of *Argentina*.

McMillan will then have two more bouts, on February 25 in London and March 4 in Dublin, to see whether his left *shoulder, which has undergone* two operations, is sound enough to allow him to continue boxing at the highest level. If he comes through the three bouts with the brilliance intact that earned him the Lonsdale belt in record time and the WBO featherweight title, McMillan will challenge the winner of the *Robinson-Damingella contest in May or June*. Frank Warren, his promoter, said yesterday that his shoulder was "in great working order."

Band plays on

ATHLETICS: Liverpool City Council is to continue *supporting* the indoor musical high *jump* meeting promoted by Vicente Modahl, whose athletics management business had begun to suffer, losing £45,000-worth of *sponsorship*, after the positive drugs test on his wife, Diane Modahl (David Powell writes).

The lost *sponsorship* has probably put paid to the reappearance of the winner last year, Javier Sotomoyor, the Olympic champion and world record-holder.

Srinath offered deal

CRICKET: Gloucestershire have offered *terms to Jawagal* Srinath, the India Test player, for the 1995 season (Simon Wilde writes). Srinath, 25, replaces Courtney Walsh, who will be touring England with West Indies and who recommended the fast-medium bowler after confronting him *during a recent tour of India. Srinath, whose batting* showed a dramatic improvement against West Indies, is one of four Indians lined up for county cricket. The others are Mohammad Azharuddin (Derbyshire), Manoj Prabhakar (Durham) and Anil Kumble (Northamptonshire).

Elkington triumph

GOLF: Steve Elkington, of Australia, right, came from six strokes behind to win the Mercedes championship in Carlsbad, California, in a play-off. Elkington beat Bruce Lietzke, of the United States, at the second extra hole after they had tied at *278, ten under par, on the* saturated La Costa course, one shot ahead of Bill Glasson. John Huston, the overnight leader, finished *ninth*.

NHL prospects bleak

ICE HOCKEY: *Players and officials expect the cancellation* of the National Hockey League (NHL) season in North America, suspended for 100 days in a labour dispute, after *unanimous union rejection of a final offer by owners on* Sunday night. Gary Bettman, the commissioner of the NHL, *and Bob Goodenow, the director of the players' association*, were to meet yesterday in New York in an effort to save the season. The owners have set a deadline of noon today for acceptance of their final offer or the season will be wiped out. They had hoped to start a 50-game campaign on January 16.

Hulley takes over

SNOOKER AND BILLIARDS: Malcolm Hulley, the secretary of the *Professional Golfers'* Association from *1979* to 1989, has been appointed the secretary of the World Professional Billiards and Snooker Association, the sports' *governing body. Hulley, 50, was also the secretary of the* Ryder Cup committee from 1983 until 1989 and played significant administrative roles in the matches when Great Britain and Europe beat the United States in 1985 and 1987. "I am delighted," Hulley said. "The position is one of *responsibility and challenge*."

POOLS FORECAST

Saturday January 14 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP
1 Arsenal v Everton 1
2 Aston Villa v QPR 1
3 Chelsea v Sheff Wed 2
4 C Palace v Leicester 1
5 Leeds v South'pton X
6 Liverpool v Ipswich 1
7 Man City v Coventry 1
8 Norwich v Wimbledon X

Not on coupons: Blackburn v *Nottingham Forest*; Newcastle v Manchester United (Sunday). West Ham v Tottenham

FIRST DIVISION
9 Barnsley v Luton 2
10 Charlton v Derby 2
11 Grimsby v Southend X
12 Notts Co v Burnley 2
13 Portsmouth v Bristol C 1
14 Reading v West Brom 1
15 Sheff Utd v Millwall 1
16 Watford v Bolton 2

Not on coupons: Oldham v Sunderland; Port Vale v Tranmere (Sunday); Swindon v Middlesbrough (Sunday). Wolves v Stoke

SECOND DIVISION
17 Blkpool v Camb Utd 1
18 Bournem'th v Plym'th X
19 Brentford v Swansea 1
20 Bristol R v Oxford 1
21 Cardiff v Hudd'field 2
22 Crewe v Brighton 1
23 Peterboro v Bradford 1
24 Roth'ham v Wycombe X
25 Shrewsbury v Chester 1
26 Stockport v Hull 2
27 Wrexham v Leyton O X
28 York v Birmingham 2

THIRD DIVISION
29 Bury v Hereford 1
30 Carlisle v Preston 1
31 Chest'fld v Scunthrpe X
32 Colchester v Barnet 1
33 Darlington v Fulham X
34 Exeter v Rochdale 2
35 Hartlepool v Scarboro 1
36 Lincoln v Doncaster 2
37 Mansfield v Wigan 1
38 North'pton v Gill'ham X
39 Torquay v Walsall 2

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE
40 Burton v Crawley 1
41 Camb C v Hales'wen 1
42 Chelmsf'd v Sttngb'rn 1
43 Corby v Cheltenham 2
44 Gloucester v Sudbury 1

DIADORA LEAGUE
45 Slough v *Marlow* 1
46 Sutton v Aylesbury X
47 Walton & H v Yeading 1
48 Wok'ham v K'stonian 2

SCOTTISH PREMIER
49 Aberdeen v Partick 1
50 Celtic v Kilmarnock 1
51 Falkirk v Rangers 2
52 Hearts v Dundee U X
53 *Motherwell v Hibs V

SCOTTISH FIRST
54 Ayr v St Johnst'ne 2
55 Dundee v Airdrie 1
56 Hamilton v Stranraer 1
57 Raith v Clydebank 1
58 St Mirren v Dunf'line X

SCOTTISH SECOND
Not on coupons: Brechin v Meadowbank, Morton v Berwick, *Queen of the South* v Dumbarton; Stenhousemuir v Clyde, Stirling v East Fife

SCOTTISH THIRD
Not on coupons: Albion v *Alloa*, Caledonian v Arbroath; Cowdenbeath v Ross, East Stirling v Montrose; Forfar v Queen's Park.

* If Friday match is postponed, pools panel will adjudicate

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Leeds, Norwich, Grimsby, Bournemouth, Rotherham, Wrexham, Chesterfield, Darlington, Northampton, Sutton, Hearts, St Mirren.

BEST DRAWS: *Norwich, Bournemouth*, Chesterfield, Darlington, Northampton.

AWAYS: Luton, Burnley, Huddersfield, Hull, Rochdale.

HOMES: Crystal Palace, Sheffield United, Portsmouth, Brentford, Bristol Rovers, Colchester, Hartlepool, Chelmsford, Gloucester, Slough, Celtic, Raith.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Crystal Palace, Brentford, Bristol Rovers, Hartlepool, Celtic. Aways: Luton, Huddersfield, Hull. Draws: Norwich, Bournemouth, Chesterfield.

☐ Vince Wright

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

CAMALOTE

(b) An aquatic plant *of the genus Pontederia, native to* North and South America; also, floating islands of vegetation including this plant. 1905, R. B. Cunninghame Graham, *Progress*: "The camalote is a very thick-growing water-lily, which sometimes chokes small streams."

DEFLUVIUM

(b) A complete shedding of some part (as the hair or the finger*nails) as a result* of disease. 1930, W. J. O'Donovan, *Hair*: "The defluvium of hair that coincides or follows severe general illness is a matter of common knowledge."

EXLEX

(c) Beyond the law, *outside* the law. 1909, G. Drage, *Austria-Hungary*: "The exlex years had shown that the relations between the two partners in the monarchy rested *upon shifting sand*."

BANTENG

(b) A species of wild ox. 1894, *Field*: "Blood-curdling tales are told in Batavia of the ferocity of the rhinoceros and banteng."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Bd4! Qxe2; 2. Rxf7+ Kg8; 3. Rg7+ Kh8; 4. Rg6+ mating swiftly.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Florida: Walt Disney World *Marathon*: Men: 1, *L Shvetsov* (Russ), 2hr 11min 50sec; 2, P Maher (Can) 2:14:00; 3, E Hellebuyck (Bel) 2:14:28; 4, D Gonzalez (US) 2:14:43; 5, P Vaflenko (Ukr) 2:16:27; 6, R Holassie (US) 2:17:20; 7, M *Graf (Switz) 2:17:46*; 8, *N Makhlouf (Tun)* 2:18:03. Women: 1, J Nagy (Hun) 2:31:54; 2, F Soultanova (Russ) 2:38:47; 3, J Peterson (US) 2:38:50; 4, G Gorzova (Bul) 2:39:31; 5, S Vassilyev (Russ) 2:41:11; 6, L *Klochko (Ukr) 2:42:05*; 7, L Vail (US) 2:42:14; 8, T Thomson (GB) 2:43:32

SASKATOON, Saskatchewan: Grand prix indoor meeting: Men: 60m: D Bailey (Can) 6.55sec; 400m: C Davis (US) 47.27; 800m: *D Fillion (Can) 1min 52.28sec*; *Mile*: P Vandegrift (Can) 4:08.20; 60m hurdles: 1, A Johnson (US) 7.65sec; 2, E Swift (US) 7.67; 3, R Kingdom (US) 7.69. Pole vault: B Deering (US) 5.60m. Long jump: T Walton *(Can) 7.84*. *Women: 60m: C Gudry (Can)* 7.20sec; 400m: N Kaiser-Brown (US) 53.71; 800m: R Paulevicene (Can) 2min 07.78sec; *Mile*: P Schnurr (Can) 4:41.66; 60m hurdles: A Coon (Can) 8.23sec.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Birmingham 80 (Lloyd 23, Dorsey 19, Samuels 13) Leopards 75 (Youngblood 38, Potts 24, Abrams 16), Chester 69 (Gardner 27, Parry 19, *Johnson 15) Exide Manchester 108* (Robinson 26, Johnson 21, Grainger 18); Doncaster 92 (Fite 24, Jones 18, Modzelewski 13, Joseph 13) Worthing 90 (Irish 30, Hamed 22, Cunningham 20) Leicester *74 (Waldron 15, Thomas 11, Scott 11) Derby 70* (Gardiner 15, Siemon 15, Gonca 11). Sheffield 77 (Huggins 20, Gayle 15, Finch 14) London 63 (Windless 14, Lewis 14, Scott 12)

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA): New York 102 Minnesota 87, *Orlando 108 Detroit 88; Denver 102* Milwaukee 96, LA Lakers 122 Miami 105.

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New Jersey	*13*	*22*	*.371*	*14½*
Miami	10	21	.323	15½
Philadelphia	10	21	.323	15½
Washington	*7*	*23*	.233	18
Central division				
Cleveland	*21*	*10*	*.677*	—
Indiana	19	11	.633	1½
Charlotte	19	12	.613	2
Chicago	16	15	.516	5
Atlanta	14	19	.424	8
Milwaukee	*10*	*21*	*.323*	*11*
Detroit	9	20	.310	11

Western Conference

Midwest division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	21	10	.677	—
Houston	20	10	.667	½
San Antonio	18	10	.643	1½
Denver	16	15	.516	5
Dallas	14	14	.500	5½
Minnesota	6	24	.200	14½
Pacific division				
Phoenix	24	7	.774	—
Seattle	21	9	.700	2½
LA Lakers	20	9	.690	3
Sacramento	17	13	.567	6½
Portland	16	14	.533	7½
Golden State	10	19	.345	13
LA Clippers	5	26	.161	19

BOWLS

BRIDGEND: Welsh Indoor Bowls Association: Under-25 singles championship: First round: J Rumsey (Newport) bt C Flynn (Merthyr Tydfil) 21-9; K Stephens (Radnorshire) bt *J Taylor (Bro Dyfi) 21-9*, R Clement (Swansea) bt G Evans (Rhondda) 21-17; N Rees (Llanelli) bt N Wilkins (Earlswood) 21-10, G Williams (Pembrokeshire) bt G Jones (Swansea) 21-16, D *Hopkins (Port Talbot)* bt B Richards (Taff Ely) 21-4; W Griffiths (Severn Valley) bt G Davies (Port Talbot) 21-7; D Comes (Sealand) bt D Mahoney (Vale of Glamorgan) 21-13; A Price (Llanelli) bt R Griffiths (Port Talbot) 21-1; N Jones (Ogwr) bt B *Evans (Earlswood) 21-14*. Second round: Stephens bt Rumsey 21-17; A Bushell (Newport) bt P Medd (Merthyr Tydfil) 21-1; Clement bt Rees 21-19; Williams bt Hopkins 21-6; Griffiths bt D Howells (Rhondda) *21-10; Jones bt D Harding (Cardiff) 21-19*; Comes bye; Price bye.

WELSH INTER-CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP: Merthyr Tydfil bt Torfaen 140-89 (19-3); Fifth bt Sealand 123-110 (14-8); Cardiff bt *Taff Ely 155-95 (22-0)*; *Bro Dyfi* bt Severn Valley 124-107 (16-6); Newport bt Rhondda 120-90 (17-5).

CRICKET

RED STRIPE CUP (third day of four): *Pointe-a-Pierre, Trinidad: Trinidad and* Tobago 405 and 176-7 (A Balliram 54); Leeward Islands 288 (D Joseph 131; N Francis 4-71). Kingston: Jamaica 282 and 225; Barbados 298 (F Reifer 85 not out, L *Puckerin 55, P Wallace 50; N Perry 5-41)*.

TRINIDAD: Tour match (first day of four): Trinidad and Tobago 189 (Solanki 5-48); England Under-19 98-2.

CASTLE CUP: Verwoerdburg (final day of *four): Northern Transvaal 455 (C Lambert* 170, R Pienaar 109; J Johnson 4-61) and 180-2 (Lambert 96, Pienaar 61 not out). Orange Free State 288 (C Craven 107; S Elworthy 5-55) and 345 (G Liebenberg 90, K *Venter 64, Craven 50)*. Northern Transvaal won by 8 wkts.

DARTS

FRIMLEY GREEN: World championship: Final: R Burnett (Wales) bt R Bernevald (Holl) 6-3.

DIVING

AUCKLAND, New Zealand: International meeting: Men: Three-metre board: 1, M Murphy (Aus) 660.90pts; 2, Fan Huaqiang (China) 603.60; 3, C Mentilla (US) 575.01. Platform: 1, S Gillooly (US) 588.12; 2, Li Chengwei (China) 569.97; 3, Zhao Wenjin *(China) 568.01*. Women: *One-metre* board: 1, Lan Yang (China) 396.66; 2, Meilan Chi (China) 393.03; 3, C Sentini (US) 378.56. Three-metre board: 1, Lan Yang (China) 522.03; 2, Meilan Chi (China) *496.26; 3, Yule Motobuchi (Japan) 480.39*.

FREESTYLE SKIING

WHISTLER, British *Columbia*: World Cup: Men: Aerials: 1, C Rijavec (Austria) 244.32pts; 2, S Foucras (Fr) 230.16; 3, N Fontaine (Can) 218.40; 4, K Feddersen (US) 210.59; 5, L Langlois (Can) 208.95; 6, N Cleaver (Aus) 208.31. World Cup positions: 1, Rijavec 276; 2, Feddersen 252; 3, Foucras 248. Women: Aerials: 1, K Marshall (Aus) 176.56; 2, M Lindgren (Swe) 157.58; 3, K Kuster (Switz) 156.17; 4, V Brenner (Can) 151.12; 5, M Schmid (*Switz*) 150.50; 6, K Porter (US) 149.44. World Cup positions: 1, Marshall 278; 2, H Lid (Nor) *264; 3, C Brand (Switz) 260*.

GOLF

CARLSBAD, California: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 278: S Elkington (Aus) 68, 71, 71, 67; B Lietzke 71, 68, 71, 67. Elkington won at second extra hole. 279: B Glasson 70, 69, *73, 67*. *280: C Stadler* 71, 65, 73, 71. 281: T Lehman 75, 68, 72, 66; R Fehr 71, 74, 70, 66. B Crenshaw 71, 67, 75, 68; F Couples 73, 68, 68, 72. 282: L Janzen 72, 63, 76, 71; J Huston 67, 66, 72, 77. 283: S Hoch 74, 67, *73, 69*. *284*: H Irwin 73, 69, 72, *70*; C Pavin 74, 71, 69, 70; B Estes 69, 69, 74, 73. 285: M Brooks 71, 71, 73, 70.

HOCKEY

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Oakham 1 Old Oakhamians 0; Oakham 2 Rutland HC 1.

RACKETS

QUEENS CLUB: British Under-24 championship: *Semi-finals*: A Smith-Bingham bt J Ladean 15-3, 15-8, 15-11; M Windows bt T Sawrey-Cookson 15-10, 9-15, 15-6, 15-8.

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON SPA: British fathers and sons championship: *Quarter-final*: *J and D* Male bt T and R Hall 8-1; G and G Baker bt J and G Rawstorne 8-3; M and J Ward bt T and R Seymour Mead 8-4; A and J Page bt G and N Baker 8-7. Semi-final: Males bt Bakers 8-0; *Wards bt Pages 8-4*. Final: Males bt Wards 8-6.

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCH: Tiffin 15 Belvedere College 8.

TABLE TENNIS

STOCKTON-ON-TEES: English open: Men's singles: Final: D Eloi (Fr) bt Xiong Ke (China) 15-21, 21-14, 21-15, 21-16.

TENNIS

SYDNEY: Men: First round (Australia unless stated): J Morgan bt T Muster 6-2, 6-4; M Tebbutt bt J Palmer (US) 7-5, 6-7, 7-5; A Gaudenzi (It) bt D Wheaton (US) 6-3, 6-2; A Krickstein (US) bt N Kulti (Swe) 4-6, 6-2, 6-3; L Roux (Fr) bt I Martinez (Mex) 7-6, 6-4; J Yzaga (Peru) bt L Burgsmueller (Ger) 5-7, 7-5, 6-3. Women: First round: N Bradtke bt M Werdel (US) 6-2, 6-7, 7-6; M Endo (Japan) bt K Radford 6-1, 6-1; M Oremans (Holl) bt P Shriver (US) 6-3, 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt F Labat (Arg) 6-3, 6-3; A Frazier (US) bt S Appelmans (Bel) 6-1, 7-5.

AUCKLAND: Men's tournament: First round: J Hlasek (Switz) bt L Mattar (Br) 6-1, 6-2; M Goellner (Ger) bt J Appel (Swe) 4-6, 6-3, 6-4; H Dreekmann (Ger) bt G Pozzi (It) 6-3, 7-6; A Volkov (Russ) leads J Greenhalgh (NZ) 6-4; J Bates (GB) leads B *Dunn (US) 7-5, 0-1*.

HOBART: Women's tournament: First round: L Raymond (US) bt S Drake-Brockman (Aus) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; A Ellwood (Aus) bt G Helgeson-Nielsen (US) 1-6, 6-4, 6-1; *J Wiesner (Austria) bt C Singer (Ger)* 6-3, 6-3; K Boogert (Holl) bt L Harvey-Wild (US) 6-2, 6-3; E Makarova (Russ) bt A Sugiyama (Japan) 6-4, 6-1; E Likhovtseva (Kaz) bt A Carlsson (Swe) 2-6, 6-4, 6-1; L *Meskhi (Geo) bt S Cacic* (US) 4-6, 7-5, 7-5.

SWANSEA: LTA tour: Finals: Men: C Wilkinson *(Hampshire)* bt D Sapsford (Surrey) 6-3, 6-1. Women: K Hand (Berkshire) bt L Jelfs (Oxfordshire) 7-5, 6-2.

YACHTING

ADELAIDE: Flying Dutchman world championship: *Final positions*: 1, S Majthenyi (Hun); 2, I McCrossin (Aus); 3, P Francis (NZ); 4, D Fagen (US); 5, R Cipriani (It); 6, N Rydge (Aus); 7, M Dorrer (Ger); 8, H A Konig (Ger).

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Endsleigh Insurance League
First division
Burnley v Charlton
Third division
Doncaster v Mansfield
Preston v Colchester

Auto Windscreens Shield
Quarter-finals
Northern section
Bury v Huddersfield
Carlisle v Wrexham
Wigan v Crewe
Southern section
Birmingham v Hereford (7.45)
Leyton Orient v Bristol Rovers (7.45)
Oxford Utd v Swansea (7.45)
Shrewsbury v *Exeter*

Vauxhall Conference
Farnborough v Dover (7.45)

Bell's Scottish League
Premier division
Partick v Dundee Utd
First division
Airdrie v St Mirren
Clydebank v Hamilton
St Johnstone v Dundee P
Second division
Berwick v Queen of South
Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank
Third division
Alloa v East Stirling
Cale This v Montrose

Tennents Scottish Cup
Second round
Queen's Park v Greenock Morton

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: *Kingstonian v Hitchin. Second division*: Barton v Banstead; Saffron Walden v Croydon. Third division: Harefield v Hertford. Carlsberg Cup: Third round: Chertsey v Slough; Staines v Carshalton. *Carlsberg Trophy: Third round*: Peckwell Heath v Egham; Hornchurch v Collier Row; Hungerford v Bracknell; Metropolitan Police v Lewes; Southall v Witham; Thame v Oxford City; Tilbury v Hemel Hempstead.

JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Fakenham v Chatteris. Hadleigh v Felixstowe; March v Stowmarket.

UNIBOND NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Barrow v Droylsden; Colwyn Bay v Knowsley. First division: Lancaster v Fleetwood.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Erith and Belvedere v Ashford. *Midland division*: Rothwell v Moor Green. Dr Martens Cup: Third round: Hinckley Town v Leek; Waterlooville v Weymouth. Third round replay: Dorchester v Cheltenham.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Chasetown v Paget; Oldbury v *Boldmere St M*; Halesowen Harriers v Rocester

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: West Ham v Luton (7.0).

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0): Rotherham United v Liverpool, Sheffield United v Wolverhampton Wanderers (at Chesterfield), Notts County v Derby County. Second division: Manchester City v Port Vale (6.45).

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Chadderton v Burscough; Newcastle Town v St Helens; Maine Road (Man) v Eastwood Hanley; Skelmersdale v Bradford Park Avenue.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Bournemouth v Downton.

CAWOODS COUNTY ANTRIM SHIELD: Semi-final: Cliftonville v Linfield (at Windsor Park).

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Third round, first leg: Holywell v Conwy.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: *League Cup: Second round*: Glasshoughton Welfare v Eccleshill; Immingham v Pontefract Collieries.

FA YOUTH CUP: Third round: Everton v Blackpool; Bristol City v Nottingham Forest.

RUGBY UNION

Club matches
Newbridge v Aberavon (7.15)
Penarth v Treorchy (7.0) P
Pontypridd v Abercynon (7.0)
Sth Wales Pol v Mountain Ash (7.0)

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter championship
Second division
Hull K R v Ryedale-York (7.30)

OTHER SPORT

TABLE TENNIS: Women's International: England v Russia (Crewe).

SNOW REPORTS

	Depth (cm) L	Depth (cm) U	Conditions Piste	Conditions Off/p	Runs to resort	Weather (5pm)	°C	Last snow
ANDORRA								
Soldeu	50	80	good	powder	good	snow	-4	9/1
(Early powder, heavy by midday; 17 of 21 lifts open)								
AUSTRIA								
Kitzbühel	15	55	fair	varied	fair	snow	-6	9/1
(Light snowfall in afternoon; town busy as raceday approaches)								
Mayrhofen	10	40	fair	varied	poor	cloud	-3	3/1
(Hard-packed snow, some worn patches; all lifts open)								
FRANCE								
Alpe d'Huez	40	130	good	varied	good	fine	-5	6/1
(Near-perfect piste skiing; no queues)								
Tignes	65	145	good	varied	fair	fine	-4	3/1
(Wonderful skiing on Grand Motte; 40 of 50 lifts open)								
Val d'Isère	55	160	good	crust	fair	cloud	-4	3/1
(Piste skiing excellent; off piste mostly crust)								
Val Thorens	70	165	good	varied	good	cloud	-4	6/1
(Lovely piste conditions; poor visibility)								
ITALY								
Cervinia	60	200	good	varied	fair	fine	-2	1/1
(Artificial snow aiding lower slopes; 20 of 36 lifts open)								
SWITZERLAND								
C Montana	60	150	good	fair	fair	cloud	-3	3/1
(Good upper slopes; becoming patchy at tree level)								
Wengen	40	70	good	varied	fair	cloud	-1	2/1
(Few rocky areas on lower runs; all 22 lifts open)								

Source: Ski Club of Great Britain. L - lower slopes; U - upper; art - artificial

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Hughes stands by to ride Amigos at Leopardstown

Dwyer delays weekend choice

By Julian Muscat

IAN STEWART

Viking Flagship, right, is a warm 7-4 favourite for the Victor Chandler Chase at Ascot on Saturday

MARK DWYER faces a potentially expensive choice of venues on Saturday. The jockey, linked to Jimmy Fitzgerald's Malton stable, has been set a poser by the trainer, who saddles big-race runners at Ascot and Leopardstown.

Amigos, owned in partnership by the BBC racing commentator, Peter O'Sullevan, and the Marquesa de Moratalla, heads for The Ladbroke in Ireland. And the Fitzgerald-trained Uncle Ernie and Sybillin were yesterday declared for the Victor Chandler Chase at the Berkshire course. Both horses are to work this morning on the Malton gallops in advance of a decision on their participation.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: BARNA BOY
(2.45 Leicester)
Next best: Must Be Magical
(1.45 Leicester)

Should Dwyer elect to ride at Ascot, the mount on Amigos at Leopardstown is expected to be taken by Richard Hughes, son of the Irish trainer, Dessie Hughes. The Irish jockey rode with conspicuous success on the Flat in Britain last year, principally for Mick Channon, but partnered two winners over jumps for his father at the big Christmas meeting at Leopardstown two weeks ago.

Dwyer and Sybillin landed the Victor Chandler Chase two years ago but the nine-year-old has failed to sparkle this term. Either way, O'Sullevan will be at Leopardstown to call the race for BBC television, as he did when his Attivo landed the Triumph Hurdle at Cheltenham in 1974. The odds are that Dwyer will join him on the round trip, although he would have to put up at least 2lb overweight on Amigos, who has 9st 12lb.

Amigos, a 10-1 shot with the sponsors, is one of three British challengers for The Ladbroke, which, with £60,000-added prize-money, is the richest handicap hurdle in Europe. Joining him will be Kadastrof, runner-up to Palacegate King at Haydock on Saturday, and Fatack. They face an unenviable task: only Barnbrook Again has landed the event for Britain since the race's inception eight years ago.

Meanwhile, the Victor Chandler Chase asks the two-mile champion chaser, Viking Flagship, to carry top weight of 12 stone against some promising opponents. It is to be hoped the rains stay away, as testing ground would eliminate Martha's Son, Current Express and possibly Deep Sensation from a glittering line-up.

Current Express, whose most recent victim, Around The Horn, has won twice since, pleased his trainer, Nicky Henderson, in a schooling session yesterday.

Tim Forster, who trains Martha's Son, would not be drawn into any predictions on behalf of his improving chaser yesterday. "He has done everything asked of him so far over fences," the trainer said. "This is a different class of race and I don't know whether he will be good enough."

Such is Viking Flagship's reputation that Victor Chandler favours the eight-year-old at 7-4 even though David Nicholson's two-miler has to concede upwards of 24lb all round. But Viking Flagship demonstrated his well-being with a 25-length stroll at Wetherby last month.

In view of the present shortage of runners, Chandler has dangled an interesting bait in front of the training fraternity. He has offered a £20,000 bonus to any licence holder winning the day's feature and the opening Victor Chandler Novices' Hurdle. The initial response has been promising with the latter race attracting 26 entries yesterday.

Lamb inquest, page 3

Lengthy inquiry clears Garritty and Ramsden

By Julian Muscat

LYNDA RAMSDEN, the Thirsk-based trainer, and Russ Garritty, the jockey, were yesterday cleared by the Jockey Club of any blame over the running and riding of Top Cees in a race at Edinburgh last month.

Following an inquiry, lasting 2½ hours, Ramsden emerged to question why she had been referred to the Jockey Club's Portman Square offices at all. "It's very disappointing that it has come to this and we had to come down here in the first place," she said. "We both felt that we were innocent but it's been a worrying time."

Neither Ramsden nor her husband, Jack, were at Edinburgh on December 19, when Top Cees, who drifted in the betting exchanges, ran third in the Swarland Grain Driers Novices' Handicap Hurdle. In their absence, a representative of the stable was unable to explain the horse's performance and the matter was subsequently referred to Portman Square.

The inquiry, at which Ramsden was legally represented, was consistent with the Club's avowed intention to crack down on non-triers, although the three-man disciplinary committee found no fault with Top Cees's performance.

Asked if the Club's policy would lead to a witch-hunt, Ramsden said: "Yes, it's inevitable. There are certain trainers they look at. Everyone who has seen the film couldn't see that we had done anything wrong. It has been an expensive day out."

Earlier, David Harrison was suspended for ten days for his third riding offence of the present season. The ban on Harrison, adjudged to have ridden carelessly aboard Kaafih Homm at Lingfield on December 20, takes effect from Thursday.

However, Harrison, whose offences during 1994 have now lost him 26 days riding, was unhappy with the verdict. "It's very harsh. I thought I would be cleared but the stewards did not have the correct camera angle of the incident so they were guessing on the side-on view," he said.

He added: "I'm not going to appeal. But they should have a camera on the turn at Lingfield. Things happen there nearly every race."

On a busy day for the Portman Square stewards, the disciplinary committee chairman, Anthony Mildmay-White, yesterday submitted his review on the Jockey Club's overall penalty structures. Among other impending amendments, the stewards are considering banning horses adjudged as non-triers in addition to penalising the horse's connections more severely.

Meanwhile, Christopher Spence, chairman of the Epsom race Committee, is to take over from Miles Gosling as chairman of Racecourse Holdings Trust, the Jockey Club subsidiary company which owns 12 racecourses.

Spence, formerly a director of the British Horseracing Board and finance steward at the Jockey Club, is to take up his appointment in June when Gosling stands down.

Harrison: suspended

Humphries inspires San Diego's charge to AFC final

By Robert Kirley

THE San Diego Chargers are one win away from playing in the Super Bowl for the first time after beating the Miami Dolphins 22-21 in a thrilling National Football League play-off game on Sunday.

Stan Humphries threw an eight-yard touchdown pass to Mark Seay with 35 seconds left to give the Chargers their first lead of the game. They survived an unsuccessful 47-yard field-goal attempt by Pete Stoyanovich with one second to play to advance to the American Football Conference (AFC) final against the Pittsburgh Steelers next Sunday.

In the National Football Conference (NFC) final, the San Francisco 49ers will play host to the Dallas Cowboys next Sunday. Dallas advanced by beating the Green Bay Packers 35-9. The winners of the AFC and NFC finals will face each other in Super Bowl XXIX at the Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami on January 29.

The Chargers trailed 21-6 at half-time, but dominated the second half with short passes and a steady defence. Humphries completed 28 of 43 passes for 276 yards, with two interceptions.

In the third quarter, they held the ball for all but one play of the first 12 minutes before scoring a touchdown on a 24-yard run by Natrone Means, who gained 139 yards. The San Diego running game, which outgained Miami 202 yards to 26, effectively kept Dan Marino off the field.

Marino, of Miami, hit on 24 of 38 passes for 262 yards and three first-half touchdowns. Keith Jackson caught eight passes for 109 yards and two touchdowns, as Marino extended to 12 his record sequence of play-off games with a touchdown pass.

In Dallas, Troy Aikman completed 23 of 30 passes for 337 yards and two touchdowns, including a 94-yarder to Alvin Harper, the longest in play-off history. Harper, Michael Irvin and Jay Novacek caught at least 100 yards' worth of passes each.

Dallas led by 19 points at half-time and shut out Green Bay in the second half. The win was the Cowboys' seventh in a row in play-off games, two short of the record held by Green Bay. Aikman has started all seven victories.

Blair Thomas replaced Emmitt Smith and scored two touchdowns for Dallas. Smith aggravated a hamstring injury and his fitness is being monitored.

The Cowboys, who were participating in their first play-off game under Barry Switzer, the head coach, are seeking an unprecedented third consecutive Super Bowl championship. They have defeated the 49ers in the past two NFC title games; however, the 49ers beat the Cowboys 21-14 in mid-October.

RESULTS: Conference play-offs: Dallas 35 Green Bay 9. San Diego 22 Miami 21
FIXTURES: Sunday: Conference finals: AFC: San Diego at Pittsburgh. NFC: Dallas at San Francisco. Jan 29: Super Bowl XXIX (Joe Robbie Stadium, Miami)

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LINGFIELD PARK

THUNDERER

1.00 Kinnegad Kid. 1.30 Avant Huit. 2.00 Dancing Diamond. 2.30 Persian Conquest. 3.00 Robo Magic. 3.30 Pageboy. 4.00 Hawaii Storm.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.00 **KINNEGAD KID.**

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Star Fighter. 3.00 **GULF SHAADI** (nap).

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.00 WARSPITE HANDICAP
(Div I: £2,713: 1m) (10 runners)

1	(3)	130-	THE LITTLE FERRET 111 (D,F) G L Moore 5-10-0	A Morris	91
2	(10)	000-	GREAT HALL 82 (C,F,G) P Cundell 6-9-10	J Williams	92
3	(8)	3-56	EASTLEIGH 3 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 6-8-13	L Dettori	88
4	(9)	02-1	KINNEGAD KID 7 (CD,G,S) R Ingram 6-8-12 (6ex)	D Wright (3)	[illegible]
5	(6)	060-	PAIR OF JACKS 106J (B) D Wilson 5-8-11	G Carter	93
6	(5)	030-	ZINBAQ 10 (CD,F,G,S) C Benstead 9-8-7	T Williams	93
7	(1)	63-5	ARRASAS LADY 4 (B) R Flower 5-8-6	Stephen Davies	89
8	(4)	00-5	CHILI LADY 5 J Moore 5-8-5	S Drowne (5)	89
9	(2)	004-	SWALLOW RIDGE 27 R O'Sullivan 6-8-1	D Biggs	86
10	(7)	05-1	MYJINKA 3 (B,C,G) J O'Donoghue 5-8-0 (6ex)	Iona Wands (7)	94

9-4 Kinnegad Kid, 4-1 Eastleigh, 5-1 Myjinka, 7-1 The Little Ferret, 8-1 Arrasas Lady, 10-1 Chili Lady, Swallow Ridge, 12-1 others.

1.30 VICTORY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,676: 5f) (6)

1	(5)	442-	BON SECRET 24 T Naughton 9-0	S Sanders (5)	91
2	(3)	60-	FIVEADAY 133 B Hanbury 9-0	M Rimmer	[illegible]
3	(2)	50-0	JEMTHORN BISHOP 7 (B) J Bridger 9-0	T Williams	86
4	(4)	622-	AVANT HUIT 10 (V) Mrs N Macauley 8-9	J Weaver	94
5	(1)	00-	KINGS OF CANVEY IS 82 J White 8-9	J Williams	–
6	(6)	63-	MERRIE LE BOW 10 Pat Mitchell 8-9	J McLaughlin	90

7-4 Avant Huit, 5-2 Bon Secret, 4-1 Fiveaday, 6-1 Merrie Le Bow, 10-1 others.

2.00 HOOD SELLING HANDICAP
(£2,449: 1m 5f) (11)

1	(8)	050-	CARLOWITZ 34 (CD,G) A Moore 7-9-13	Candy Morris	88
2	(9)	400-	SUPER ASSIGNATION 10 D Elsworth 4-9-13	J Williams	94
3	(10)	584-	DANCING DIAMOND 10 (C,G) Miss B Sanders 5-9-4	S Sanders (5)	[illegible]
4	(4)	000-	PRINCERULLAH 11J (B) C Broad 4-8-11	M Fenton	80
5	(2)	/35-	RITA'S JOY 15J W G M Turner 4-8-9	R Perham	88
6	(6)	00/	HIGHLAND FLAME 28J K Ivory 6-8-8	J Quinn	–
7	(5)	60-0	CHARLISTIONA 4 M Johnston 4-8-4	T Williams	88
8	(1)	006-	FEELING FOOLISH 61J (V,G) B Forsey 6-8-2	S Lanigan (7)	89
9	(3)	058-	CRISTAL SPRINGS 15 B McMahon 4-8-0	G Bardwell	94
10	(7)	0-03	MALINGERER 5 D Wilson 4-7-13	N Gwilliams	86
11	(11)	000/	TOKANDA 50J (B) F Yardley 11-7-8	M Baird (7)	–

3-1 Dancing Diamond, 7-2 Malingerer, 5-1 Charlistiona, 6-1 Super Assignation, 8-1 Rita's Joy, Cristal Springs, 10-1 Feeling Foolish, 12-1 Carlowitz, 14-1 others.

2.30 DAILY STAR AWT 1M 2F CHALLENGE SERIES HANDICAP
(Qualifier: 3-Y-O: 1m 2f) (11)

1	(4)	441-	WHAT'S THE VERDICT 49 (G) M Johnston 9-7	T Williams	87
2	(11)	124-	SOLDIER'S LEAP 10 (C,G) C Brittain 9-3	B Doyle	93
3	(5)	601-	SHY PADDY 10 (G) K Cunningham-Brown 8-11	L Dettori	90
4	(10)	513-	STAR FIGHTER 10 (CD,G) W O'Gorman 8-11	Emma O'Gorman (3)	91
5	(7)	53-3	NIGEL'S LAD 3 P Haslam 8-7	J Weaver	98
6	(9)	10-4	TACHYCARDIA 5 (F,G) R O'Sullivan 8-3	D Biggs	88
7	(6)	000-	KINDRED GREETING 109 D Morris 8-2	Stephen Davies	–
8	(8)	004-	MRS TIGGER 127 R Armstrong 8-2	J Quinn	80
9	(3)	054-	ELITE NUMBER 73 P Cole 8-2	C Rutter	90
10	(2)	066-	PERSIAN CONQUEST 27 R Ingram 8-0	D Wright (3)	98
11	(1)	555-	MO'S MAIN MAN 64 S Dow 7-12	A Whelan (5)	[illegible]

3-1 Star Fighter, 4-1 Soldier's Leap, 5-1 Shy Paddy, 6-1 What's The Verdict, 7-1 Tachycardia, 8-1 Nigel's Lad, 10-1 Elite Number, 12-1 others.

3.00 RENOWN CLAIMING STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,010: 7f) (5)

1	(4)	613-	GULF SHAADI 14 (CD,G) C Brittain 8-13	B Doyle	[illegible]
2	(2)	218-	ROBO MAGIC 34 (B,C,G) A Moore 8-7	L Dettori	94
3	(3)	033-	SANDRA DEE 10 B Pearce 8-2	A Whelan (5)	96
4	(5)	000-	BILLS PLOUGHGIRL 24 (B) J Moore 7-12	D Wright (3)	79
5	(1)	000-	STAR INFORMATION 78 J Moore 7-10	N Adams	–

11-10 Gulf Shaadi, 2-1 Robo Magic, 6-1 Sandra Dee, 12-1 Star Information, 20-1 Bills Ploughgirl.

3.30 REPULSE HANDICAP (£3,606: 6f) (5)

1	(1)	112-	SILENT EXPRESSION 27 (CD,F,G) B Meehan 5-10-0	R Cochrane	98
2	(5)	025-	SPENDER 24 (CD,F,G) P Harris 6-9-10	L Dettori	97
3	(4)	00-6	THORNY BISHOP 5 (CD,G) J Bridger 4-9-6	T Williams	90
4	(3)	60-1	PAGEBOY 5 (CD,F,G) P Haslam 6-9-5 (7ex)	J Weaver	[illegible]
5	(2)	020-	FORGOTTEN DANCER 31 (D,S) R Ingram 4-8-10	W Woods	94

6-4 Pageboy, 2-1 Spender, 5-2 Silent Expression, 12-1 Thorny Bishop, Forgotten Dancer.

4.00 WARSPITE HANDICAP (Div II: £2,701: 1m) (9)

1	(1)	600-	A MILLION WATTS 74 (D,F) Lady Herries 4-9-11	T Ives	93
2	(5)	655-	PANCHELLITA 117 (F,G) G L Moore 6-9-10	L Sutherm (7)	90
3	(2)	10-4	HAWAII STORM 7 (CD,G,S) Miss A Whitfield 7-9-9	R Painter (5)	91
4	(7)	000-	MAIN BRACE 111 K Burke 4-8-11	R Cochrane	[illegible]
5	(4)	05-0	BRECKLAND 7 K Cunningham-Brown 5-8-11	B Doyle	90
6	(8)	006-	DOME PATROL 26 (C,G) W Muir 4-8-10	J Weaver	98
7	(6)	003-	POSSIBILITY 10 (B,F) R Ingram 4-8-8	D Wright (3)	98
8	(3)	000-	HI PENNY 27 (B) K Ivory 4-8-6	D Biggs	97
9	(9)	000-	PIGALLE WONDER 21 (B,CD,G) R O'Sullivan 7-8-4	W Woods	87

11-4 Hawaii Storm, 3-1 Possibility, 9-2 A Million Watts, 6-1 Panchellita, 7-1 Pigalle Wonder, 10-1 Main Brace, Dome Patrol, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: P Harris, 6 winners from 19 runners, 31.6%; P Cole, 21 from 83, 25.3%; W O'Gorman, 33 from 161, 20.5%; M Johnston, 27 from 134, 20.1%; D Morris, 8 from 43, 18.6%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 47 winners from 166 rides, 28.3%; Emma O'Gorman, 38 from 168, 22.6%; J Weaver, 21 from 110, 19.1%; R Painter, 4 from 27, 14.8%; R Cochrane, 17 from 116, 14.7%

LEICESTER

THUNDERER

1.15 Great Marquess
1.45 Tynron Doon
2.15 Kadi
2.45 Barna Boy
3.15 CASTLE SECRET (nap)
3.45 Mariner's Air

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.15 Virkon Venture.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (CHASE COURSE); HEAVY (HURDLES) SIS

1.15 NOMAD NOVICES HURDLE
(£3,057: 2m) (11 runners)

101	14	GREAT MARQUESS 10 (S) (Great Marquess Partners) N T-Davies 8-11-12	D Bridgwater	[illegible]
102	3-203	BONNIFER 12 (Towcester Members Race Club) M Wilkinson 6-11-5	G McCourt	93
103	60-	CHIPPENDALE LADD 470 (C Clarke) M Muggeridge 5-11-5	S McNeill	–
104	3	FLASHMAN 15 (C Sampson) B Llewellyn 5-11-5	Mr J L Llewellyn (5)	77
105	0-01550	GOLDEN NUGGET 37 (S) (W Carroll) E Alston 8-11-5	A Procter (3)	–
106	2	MAJOR YAASI 20 (P and S Partnership) J Glover 5-11-5	Mr C Bonner (5)	77
107	5236/05	VIRKON VENTURE 31 (Mrs J Auchincloss) M Tompkins 7-11-5	A Maguire	84
108	0	CHRISTIAN FLIGHT 15 (D Holland) S Gollings 6-11-0	A S Smith	–
109	P-	JOLIS ABSENT 102F (P Hart) M Ryan 5-11-0	J Ryan	–
110	03/12-64	TIP THE DOVE 21 (S) (C Price) C Price 6-11-0	R Davis	64
111	33	NIGHT IN A MILLION 24 (A Cherry-Downes) Mrs J Cecil 4-10-7	T Kent	66

BETTING: 4-6 Great Marquess, 4-1 Virkon Venture, 8-1 Bonnifer, 10-1 Flashman, 12-1 Tip The Dove, Major Yaasi, 16-1 Christian Flight, Golden Nugget, 20-1 others.

1994: MEETING ABANDONED - COURSE WATERLOGGED

FORM FOCUS

GREAT MARQUESS 12½l 4th of 8 to Berude Not To in grade I Challow Hurdle at Newbury (2m 5f, heavy). Previously beat Fourth In Line 8l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 3f 110yd, good to soft) with FLASHMAN (7lb better off) 7l 3rd. BONNIFER 8½l 3rd of 12 to Bimsey in novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, heavy). GOLDEN NUGGET 31l 5th of 11 to Trickle Lad in novice hurdle at Navan (2m 5f, soft) penultimate start. MAJOR YAASI 3½l 2nd of 12 to Major's Law in a selling hurdle at Southwell (2m, soft). VIRKON VENTURE 14l 5th of 17 to Sweet Mignonette in novice hurdle at Doncaster (2m 110yd, good). TIP THE DOVE 17l 4th of 9 to Sevso in novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to soft). NIGHT IN A MILLION 20½l 3rd of 14 to Dakota Girl in novice hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to soft) penultimate start.
Selection: GREAT MARQUESS

1.45 DOVE SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,373: 2m) (16 runners)

201	2P-F456	SCHWEPPES TONIC 12 (D,G,S) (A Phillips) D Burchell 9-11-10	D J Burchell	85
202	1P0F5P	EMERALD VENTURE 31 (D,F,G) (T Caldwell) T Caldwell 6-11-4	Pat Caldwell	80
203	0023	WILL SOON 10 (Park Racing Partnership) W Bentley 6-11-2	A Maguire	88
204	004-000	BURN BRIDGE 28 (D,F,G,S) (J Statcher) L Lloyd-James 9-11-1	M A Fitzgerald	[illegible]
205	5P/4PP-6	BY FAR 12 (D,F) (Mrs M Park) Mrs F Owen 9-11-0	D Gallagher	85
206	00/851	DOMAN 15 (S) (W Lofthouse) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-13	M Dwyer	90
207	600-603	MUST BE MAGICAL 24 (P Bradley) P Bradley 7-10-13	A Thornton	90
208	61444-0	TYNRON DOON 33 (B,D,S) (G Wiltshire) Mrs N Macauley 6-10-12	N Williamson	98
209	610104	SIDE BAR 25 (V,BF,G) (M Baxter) M Ryan 5-10-10	J Ryan	94
210	456	LOFTY DEED 29 (Mrs P Linton) W Musson 5-10-8	G Bradley	83
211	1P5P-52	ROCKY BAY 15 (S) (Lodge Cross Partnership) B Llewellyn 6-10-5	J A McCarthy	93
212	0-50003	GARDA'S GOLD 22 (B,D,S) (G Brown) R Dickin 12-10-3	D Meredith (3)	92
213	0/0P3F-P	ALMOST A PRINCESS 6F (J Miller) W G M Turner 7-10-0	M Griffiths (7)	88
214	F500	WADADA 25 (A Blee) S Campion 4-10-0	A S Smith	80
215	40060-0	MILLIE 164 (D Robinson) D Robinson 7-10-0	M Robinson	–
216	000000	VALE OF YORK 15 (S Clark) S Clark 7-10-0	Miss R Clark (7)	–

Long handicap: Almost A Princess 9-13, Wadada 9-8, Millie 9-5, Vale Of York 9-3

BETTING: 9-2 Doman, 5-1 Side Bar, Rocky Bay, 7-1 Garda's Gold, 8-1 Tynron Doon, 9-1 Must Be Magical, 10-1 Schweppes Tonic, 12-1 Will Soon, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

SCHWEPPES TONIC about 13½l 5th of 6 to Chappucci in conditional jockeys' selling hurdle at Plumpton (2m 1f, soft) penultimate start. WILL SOON 2½l 2nd of 9 to Bold Pursuit in selling hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to soft) penultimate start. DOMAN beat Northern Nation neck in a 13-runner selling handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, soft) with VALE OF YORK (4lb better off) about 29l 10th.
MUST BE MAGICAL 7l 3rd of 12 to Ingletonian in a selling hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to soft) with DOMAN 11l 5th. TYNRON DOON 11½l 4th of 8 to All Welcome in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle at Perth (2m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. SIDE BAR best effort beat Alice's Mirror 4l in an 8-runner selling handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). LOFTY DEED 29l 5th of 15 to Sunday News'N'Echo in a selling hurdle at Nottingham (2m, good).
Selection: WILL SOON

2.15 BREEDON NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE
(£3,522: 3m) (17 runners)

301	514-233	KADI 15 (G,S) (J Brown) D Nicholson 6-11-10	A Maguire	89
302	53/2F1	MUSONI BEACH 12 (G,S) (J Ennis) M Pipe 10-11-4	R Dunwoody	91
303	00-FU21	RICHARDSON 15 (F,S) (R Haggas) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-3	M Dwyer	96
304	542-432	MAAMUR 25 (G) (Park Industrial Supplies) C Brown 7-10-13	M A Fitzgerald	92
305	4141-U4	GENERAL WOLFE 25 (S) (R Beccle) T Forster 6-10-9	J R Kavanagh	88
306	3/8024-6	GLENGRIFFIN 42 (G) (B Naylor) J Gifford 10-10-6	P Hide	91
307	000/214	CREGG BOREEN 20 (D,BF,G,S) (R Hamilton) P Hobbs 8-10-6	C Maude	[illegible]
308	0P/T40	SHINING PENNY 29 (C Courage) M Wilkinson 8-10-4	J F Titley	80
309	4P3/	DAVID JOHN 711 (Mrs D Barrington) S Christian 8-10-3	G Upton	–
310	12105-3	DIVINE CHANCE 59 (S) (R Morris-Adams) N Gaselee 7-10-3	J Osborne	84
311	0560-35	SPROWSTON BOY 12 (F,G,S) (G Waring) M Chapman 12-10-0	W Worthington	98
312	0/005-3	GILPA VALU 15 (Miss N Thesiger) Mrs J Pitman 6-10-0	W Marston	–
313	38/F-P0	TIRLEY MISSILE 38 (F,S) (J Hankinson) J Smith 9-10-0	N Williamson	82
314	14/05P3	ALLO GEORGE 39 (G) (Laws Medical Systems) A Newcombe 9-10-0	B Clifford	69
315	52P-0U5	ROCK DIAMOND 12 (Mrs G Balding) G Balding 9-10-0	R Arnold (7)	68
316	PFP	ELECTROFANE 26 (Avon & West Racing Club) R Manning 7-10-0	L Harvey	–
317	F5/5P/6	GO MILETRIAN 10 (S) (Fred Kirby) F Kirby 11-10-0	N Smith	–

Long handicap: Gilpa Valu 9-12, Tirley Missile 9-4, Allo George 8-11, Rock Diamond 8-9, Electrofane 8-5, Go Miletrian 8-5.

BETTING: 7-2 Musoni Beach, 9-2 Richardson, 6-1 Kadi, 7-1 Maamur, 8-1 Cregg Boreen, 10-1 General Wolfe, Glengriffin, 12-1 Sprowston Boy, Shining Penny, 16-1 others

FORM FOCUS

KADI 17l 3rd of 6 to High Baron in novice chase at Kempton (2m 4f 110yd, soft). MUSONI BEACH beat Welsh Mustre 9l in 11-runner Warwick novice handicap chase (3m 2f, soft) with SPROWSTON BOY (13lb better off) 10½l 5th. RICHARDSON beat Chichell's Hurst 8l in 8-runner Market Rasen novice handicap chase (3m 1f, soft).
MAAMUR 8l 2nd of 11 to Mad Thyme in novice chase at Uttoxeter (2m 7f, soft) with GENERAL WOLFE (4lb better off) 7¾l 4th. CREGG BOREEN beat Nazzaro 20l in 8-runner novice handicap chase at Taunton (3m 1f, soft) penultimate start. DAVID JOHN 13l 3rd of 8 to I'm Toby in novice hurdle at Doncaster (3m 110yd, good).
DIVINE CHANCE 22½l 3rd of 11 to Cartingford Lakes in Windsor novice chase (2m 5f, good to soft)
Selection: KADI (nap)

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

2.45 GROBY NOVICES CHASE (£3,210: 2m 1f) (12 runners)

401	632511-	BARNA BOY 258 (G,S) (L Wilson) N Henderson 7-11-3	M A Fitzgerald	–
402	4P00-F6	CELTIC LAIRD 15 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 7-11-3	W Marston	–
403	50-2214	DUAL IMAGE 24 (F,G,S) (Datum Building Supplies) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-3	M Dwyer	–
404	F40-3PP	GLAISDALE 59 (S) (Ocsala Ltd) M Tompkins 6-11-3	A Maguire	–
405	P45-030	GRIFFINS BAR 38 (M Smith) Mrs P Sly 7-11-3	R Marley	–
406	5144-2F	IN TRUTH 15 (G,S) (Mrs E Hoolton) S Gollings 7-11-3	R Dunwoody	[illegible]
407	0/4/0-	IRIDOPHANES 248 (Mrs P Robeson) Mrs P Robeson 9-11-3	M Richards	65
408	0-0F2P3	MISTY GREY 10 (V) (G Fierro) G Fierro 6-11-3	S Lycett (7)	71
409	3002-34	OLYMPIAN 38 (B,F,G) (M & N Plant Ltd) R Simpson 8-11-3	D Gallagher	–
410	212/4F4-	PLAYING TRUANT 420 (G) (D Moon) D Gandolfo 7-11-3	J Osborne	87
411	452112/	RONANS GLEN 650 (F) (Mrs W Morrell) M Wilkinson 8-11-3	J F Titley	–
412	56512-2	RULLY 12 (F) (S Clarke) M Chapman 6-11-3	W Worthington	–

BETTING: 5-4 Barna Boy, 7-2 Olympian, 9-2 Dual Image, 8-1 Celtic Laird, 12-1 Ronans Glen, Glaisdale, Playing Truant, 14-1 Rully, 20-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

BARNA BOY, very useful novice hurdler, beat The Reverend Bert 6l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good). DUAL IMAGE 10l 4th of 15 to Mr Pickpocket in a handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 4f 110yd, soft). GLAISDALE best effort this term when 10l 3rd of 8 to Badastan in a handicap hurdle at Newbury (3m 110yd, good)
GRIFFINS BAR 11l and head 3rd of 16 to Queen Buzzard in a novice hurdle at Catterick (2m 3f, good) on penultimate start. IN TRUTH 4l 2nd of 8 to Gorleera in novice chase at Fakenham (2m 110yd, good) penultimate start. MISTY GREY 15l 3rd of 4 to Bullet's Twitch in a novice chase at Nottingham (2m, good to soft)
OLYMPIAN 4½l 4th of 7 to very useful Relkeel in the grade II William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown (2m 110yd, good to soft). PLAYING TRUANT about 12l 4th of 8 to Persian Sword in a novice chase at Warwick (2m, good to soft). RONANS GLEN 1l 2nd of 15 to The Glow in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m 4f, good), March 1993. RULLY distant 2nd of 5 to Vallinel in a novice chase at Warwick (2m, soft)
No selection

3.15 CHIEFTAIN CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,213: 3m) (14 runners)

501	213P-F6	CELCIUS 110 (B,C,F,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 11-11-11	R Dunwoody	76
502	3/052-04	CASTLE SECRET 3F (F) (P Leonard) D Burchell 9-11-8	D J Burchell	94
503	PUF061/	PRECIOUS MEMORIES 613 (F,G) (M Robson) M Bielby 10-11-5	N Williamson	–
504	1PPP-02	STAR OF OUGHTERARD 30 (B,F) (Mrs T O'Toole) R Simpson 10-11-5	D Gallagher	64
505	0UP100/	BAVARD BAY 594 (S) (Mrs A Tomlinson) G Barnett 11-11-2	G McCourt	–
506	30/11-F	IMPERIAL BRUSH 38 (F,G,S) (D Baxter) J White 11-11-2	A Maguire	–
507	P0U65-0	NORTH HOLLOW 28 (B) (D McCain) D McCain 10-11-2	D McCain (5)	60
508	3463-00	PRIORY PIPER 46 (Mrs J Pickering) J Pickering 6-11-2	W Worthington	–
509	U2-4006	CHAPEL HILL 15 (G) (E O'Malley) B Llewellyn 7-11-0	Mr J L Llewellyn (5)	63
510	2P-4553	CRAZY DAISY 8 (G,S) (Mrs P Reich) W G M Turner 8-11-0	T Murphy (7)	71
511	P	NELL BUTT 131 (D Robinson) D Robinson 9-10-11	M Robinson	–
512	40-F2F4	NO DEBT 36 (Mrs P Jubert) B Meehan 7-10-11	B Powell	50
513	1/42P-06	MARDOOD 15 (G,S) (S Clark) S Clark 10-10-10	Miss R Clark (7)	[illegible]
514	0-P0U0	ZUB ZUB 29 (D Lowe) J Pickering 8-10-5	V Slattery	–

BETTING: 5-2 Castle Secret, 3-1 Celcius, 9-2 Imperial Brush, 8-1 Mardood, 10-1 No Debt, 12-1 Precious Memories, Star Of Oughterard, 14-1 Crazy Daisy, 16-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

CELCIUS, won five races last season, about 23l 6th of 11 to Sately in handicap hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, good to firm). CASTLE SECRET 5l 4th of 7 to Master Boston in handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft). PRECIOUS MEMORIES beat Hawwar 10l in 6-runner novice chase at Market Rasen (2m 6f 110yd, good to firm) May 1993. STAR OF OUGHTERARD 15l 2nd of 14 to Star Mover in conditional jockeys' selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m 5f 110yd, good). IMPERIAL BRUSH, once useful handicap hurdler, in rear when fell 12th in novice chase won by Yorkshire Gale at Sandown (3m 110yd, good). Previously beat Gallant Effort ½l in 5-runner novice chase at Plumpton (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm). CRAZY DAISY 7½l 3rd of 18 to Star Market in a selling handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 2f, heavy). MARDOOD 15l 7th of 14 to Elegant Friend in claiming hurdle at Southwell (2m, soft) penultimate start.
Selection: CASTLE SECRET

3.45 LEICESTER AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,448: 2m) (9 runners)

601	/61/2-RR	AZUREUS 136 (D,F,BF) (Mrs S Kavanagh) H Kavanagh 7-12-0	D Duggan	91
602	025-141	DAMIER BLANC 29 (D,S) (T Pauling) M Pipe 6-11-9	M Rimell (7)	96
603	123-233	MARINER'S AIR 21 (D,S) (Mrs P Badger) J Spearing 8-11-1	Miss C Spearing (7)	94
604	43P3-08	MECADO 8 (V,G,S) (Malksword Ltd) F Yardley 8-10-9	Miss S Mitchell (7)	92
605	441043	SHAHGRAM 15 (S) (Wise Owl Discount Stores) P Beaumont 7-10-8	Mrs A Farrell	[illegible]
606	13-2264	RAIN-N-SUN 12 (D,G,S) (Mrs M Bostock) J L Harris 9-10-8	I McLelland (7)	98
607	1050-06	MAMALAMA 29 (F) (P Riddick) B Llewellyn 7-10-2	Miss E J Jones (7)	93
608	4/P/P0-	RAISABILLION 236 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Blane) E Alston 13-10-0	P Blane (7)	–
609	1243P-P	PRINCETHORPE 59 (D,S) (G Farndon) B Cambidge 8-10-0	J Cambidge (3)	87

Long handicap: Raisabillion 9-2, Princethorpe 9-1

BETTING: 7-4 Damier Blanc, 3-1 Mariner's Air, 9-2 Shahgram, 7-1 Rain-N-Sun, 8-1 Mamalama, Azureus, 12-1 Mecado, 20-1 Princethorpe, 25-1 Raisabillion

FORM FOCUS

DAMIER BLANC beat Devonsity 1½l in 9-runner amateur riders' hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 6f, heavy) with MAMALAMA (9lb better off) tailed off. MARINER'S AIR 7¾l 3rd of 19 to Lumumba Days in a handicap hurdle at Hereford (2m 1f, good to soft). MECADO 29l 7th of 14 to Bingura in a selling handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f 110yd, soft) penultimate start. SHAHGRAM distance 3rd of 7 to Top Cees in novices' handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). RAIN-N-SUN best effort this season when 4l 2nd of 7 to Glowing Path in a conditional jockeys' handicap hurdle over course and distance (soft). PRINCETHORPE 10l 3rd of 16 to Primo Figlio in a novices' handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 6f 110yd, heavy) April 1994
Selection: RAIN-N-SUN

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
J White	6	14	42.9	M Dwyer	5	18	27.8
M Pipe	23	74	31.1	J Osborne	8	39	20.5
N Gaselee	6	20	30.0	A Maguire	9	46	19.6
D Nicholson	12	45	26.7	M Richards	5	26	19.2
N Twiston-Davies	5	20	25.0	R Dunwoody	13	70	18.6
Jimmy Fitzgerald	3	13	23.1	N Williamson	6	33	18.2

Blinkered first time

LEICESTER: 1.45 Side Bar. 3.45 Raisabillion. *LINGFIELD PARK*: 1.30 Avant Huit. 2.00 Dancing Diamond, 2.00 Princerullah. 3.00 Bills Ploughgirl. 4.00 Hi Penny

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Lingfield Park

Going: heavy

1.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1. REESHLOCH (D Fortt, 4-11 fav); 2. Captain Bert (I Lawrence, 4-1); 3. Sussex Maestro (M Crosse, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 9 Dienau's Maestro (6th), 33 Windsor Fox (5th), 40 Country Barle (4th), 50 Deptford Belle, 66 The Sting (pu). 8 ran. 10l, 25l, 9l, 14l, 3l. A Turnell at Wantage. Tote: £1.40; £1.10, £1.40, £11.60. DF: £1.90. CSF: £2.33.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1. COUNTERBALANCE (S McNeill, 6-1); 2. Benjamin Lancaster (Miss S Young, 100-30); 3. Essdoubleyou (R Greene, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav The Carrot Man (pu), 5 Tekla (4th), 7 Noble Insight (6th), 9 Victory Gate (5th), 20 Joker Jack (pu). 8 ran. ½l, 25l, 20l, 8l, 15l. J McConnochie at Stratford-on-Avon. Tote: £7.60; £2.60, £2.30, £2.90. DF: £14.80. CSF: £26.26. Tricast: £117.15.

2.30 (2m 110yd hdle) 1. READY TO DRAW (D O'Sullivan, 8-15 fav, Private Handicapper's top rating); 2. Challenger Row (A P McCoy, 6-1); 3. Knyaz (D Fortt, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Tina's Charm (4th), 12 Celtic Lilley, Dibloom (5th), 14 Yeoman Bound (pu), 20 Mexican Dancer (6th), 25 Forever Blushing (pu), 33 Balrath Cross (pu), Run To Au Bon. 11 ran. 3l, 12l, 7l, 8l, 30l. R O'Sullivan at Bognor Regis. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.70, £3.00. DF: £4.50. CSF: £6.05. No bid.

3.00 (3m ch) 1, WOODLANDS BOY (A S Smith, 9-1); 2, Early Man (Peter Hobbs, 9-1); 3, Diamond Fort (N Williamson, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Acajou III (f), 6 Willow Gale (pu), 13-2 Rositary (f), 10 Sunbeam Talbot (4th), 16 Mark Kybo (pu), 25 Silverino (5th), 33 Devil's Valley (pu), 50 Express Travel (pu). 11 ran. 11l, 11l, ½l, dist. R Hoad at Lewes. Tote: £9.60; £2.20, £2.00, £2.40. DF: £39.50. Trio: £150.00. CSF: £79.05. Tricast: £887.62.

3.30 (2m 7f hdle) 1. SO HOPEFUL (Mr G Shenkin, 5-2); 2. Place Stephanie (Mr C Bonner, 12-1); 3. Don't Buck (Mr T Byrne, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 8-13 fav Banntown Bill (f), 20 Sonic Star (pu), 25 Leap Into Spring (6th), Spirit Level (4th), 50 Daring Tirley (pu), Forest Rain (pu), Russian Empire (5th), Zamboanga (pu), 66 Ban Ri, Jumping Judge, Lets Go Now (pu). 14 ran. NR: Today's Fancy. Dist, 14l, 20l, dist, nk. Mrs J Renfree-Barons at Stockbridge. Tote: £3.60; £1.80, £1.10, £2.70. DF: £8.30. CSF: £32.90.

4.00 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, PHROSE (M Porrett, 9-4 fav); 2. Spanish Refuge (M Richards, 6-1); 3. Stapleford Lady (L McGrath, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 The Whip (6th), 4 Rustic Gent, 10 Indian Temple, 12 Ivychurch (5th), Romalito (4th), 20 Coalisland, 100 Mint Fresh. 10 ran. 12l, nk, 10l, 1½l, 10l. C Weedon at Chiddingfold. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £2.60, £13.00. DF: £15.50. Trio: £157.90. CSF: £15.67. Tricast: £481.96.

Jackpot: £7,493.90 (0.88 winning tickets. Pool of £105.55 carried forward to Leicester today).
Placepot: £61.30. Quadpot: £13.10.

Southwell

Going: standard

12.15 (7f) 1, High Flown (J Weaver, 13-2); 2, Samana Cay (100-30); 3, Joyful Times (20-1). David James' Girl 11-10 fav. 10 ran. 10l, sh hd. Mrs J Ramsden. Tote: £5.40; £2.10, £1.70, £4.70. DF: £10.90. CSF: £31.17. Sold to Ron Thompson for 4,200gns.

12.45 (1m) 1, King Parrot (J Wilkinson, 7-2); 2, Glenvally (16-1); 3, Early Star (20-1). Orthorhombus 5-2 fav. 9 ran. Sh hd, 5l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £5.20; £1.70, £4.70, £6.40. DF: £81.60. Trio: £224.10 (part won. Pool of £142.07 carried forward to 2.15 Leicester today). CSF: £49.09. Tricast: £888.00.

1.15 (1m) 1, Genesis Four (C Adamson, 7-2); 2, Certain Way (4-1); 3, Oozlem (10-3 fav). 9 ran. 3l, 2l. S Bowring. Tote: £5.00; £1.10, £1.10, £1.80. DF: £5.70. Trio: £11.30. CSF: £17.44. Tricast: £46.23.

1.45 (1m) 1, Poly Road (C Rutter, 7-2); 2, Inn At The Top (5-1); 3, Good So Fa (13-8 fav). 11 ran. 1¾l, 8l. M Channon. Tote: £4.50; £1.50, £1.60, £1.10. DF: £10.90. CSF: £22.68.

2.15 (1m 3f) 1, Joseph's Wine (Alex Greaves, 10-11 fav); 2, My Handy Man (20-1); 3, Non Vintage (12-1). 7 ran. 2½l, 8l. D Nicholls. Tote: £2.10; £1.60, £4.70. DF: £33.40. CSF: £17.07.

2.45 (1m 4f) 1, Thaleros (L Dettori, 100-30); 2, Crown Prosecutor (2-1 fav); 3, Handmaiden (11-2). 14 ran. ¾l, 5l. G Moore. Tote: £3.80; £2.10, £1.20, £2.50. DF: £7.90. CSF: £11.21.

3.15 (7f) 1, Water Bebe (T Ives, 85-40 fav); 2, Bretton Princess (10-1); 3, Pc's Cruiser (7-2). 9 ran. 3½l, 2l. G Bravery. Tote: £2.70; £1.30, £3.50, £1.40. DF: £12.50. CSF: £22.91. No bid.

3.45 (7f) 1, Quinzii Martin (T Williams, 10-1); 2, Sharp Imp (9-4 fav); 3, Aljaz (3-1). 11 ran. 5l, ¾l. D Haydn Jones. Tote: £10.30; £2.90, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £22.40. Trio: £50.50. CSF: £36.02. Tricast: £85.27.

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Ireland stand-off takes on former team-mates at Lansdowne Road

Burke turns green to meet England

BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

PAUL BURKE, who, until 1993, played all his representative rugby in the white of England, will make his senior debut for Ireland on January 21 at Lansdowne Road — against England, whose XV will be named today. Burke, 21, was one of two newcomers chosen yesterday for Ireland's opening five nations' championship match.

Two seasons ago, the Ireland selectors were casting round for a stand-off half, looking at such youngsters as Alan McGowan, Niall Malone and David Humphreys before coming up with Eric Elwood. Now Burke, who played for England against McGowan in the under-21 international of 1992, has supplanted both Elwood and McGowan on the strength of an outstanding inter-provincial championship campaign with Munster.

The path was eased for him by Elwood's virtual absence from the first half of this season through injury, which left McGowan clear to win his first cap, against the United States in November. Since then, Burke, a teacher at the Christian Brothers' College in Cork, has come with a flourish as Munster broke Ulster's monopoly on the championship title — and projected Anthony Foley, the Shannon flanker, to a first cap at the same time: Burke also scored 18 points in the Ireland trial.

"He is very quick with his hands, plays the game very flat and has brought the best out of a player like Philip Danaher," Brian Davies, the coaching director at Cork Constitution, Burke's club, said. His ability to involve a dangerous attacker like Simon Geoghegan was also evident during the trial and sufficiently impressive for Ireland to throw him in opposite Rob Andrew and against the big England back row.

Burke, of impeccable Irish descent despite his English upbringing, will play alongside Michael Bradley, his club colleague though not his provincial partner with Munster this season owing to Bradley's wrist injury. The Ireland captain also withdrew from the All-Ireland League match against Blackrock College last Saturday with a strained hamstring, but retains his place ahead of Niall Hogan and David O'Mahony, who wins his first A cap against England on January 20.

Noel Murphy, the Ireland manager, acknowledged yesterday that Elwood's fitness was a factor in their deliberations — he has played only three games recently — and there will be considerable sympathy for McGowan, cast aside after one match. But Burke is the form player, as is Foley, the son of the former Ireland lock, Brendan Foley.

Thus two of the players, Foley and Jonathan Bell, who beat England in the under-21 international at Ravenhill last November, move into the senior ranks. Bell, of course, was capped against Australia and the United States.

Another former under-21 player, Kyran Bracken, of England, could win the scrum half berth for England today, ahead of the experienced Dewi Morris. An impressive display against Canada by Bracken should earn him a fourth cap in a side afflicted by recent injury, the most serious of which is the Achilles tendon damage suffered by Paul Hull.

The Bristol full back should be first choice, but has not played since limping out of the game against Canada. Nor has Tony Underwood, the Leicester wing who was injured training in Lanzarote over the new year.

Steve Ojomoh, capped four times in England's back row but growing restless at the lack of regular first-team rugby with Bath, has registered for Northampton next season. Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, insists that Ojomoh is an integral part of Bath's future.

IRELAND

C M P O'Shea (Lansdowne); S P Geoghegan (Bath), B J Mullin (Blackrock College), P P A Danaher (Garryowen), J C Bell (Ballymena); P Burke (Cork Constitution), M T Bradley (Cork Constitution, captain); N J Popplewell (Wasps), K G M Wood (Garryowen), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), A Foley (Shannon), M J Galwey (Shannon), N P J Francis (Old Belvedere), D Corkery (Cork Constitution), P S Johns (Dungannon). Replacements: N Woods (Blackrock College), E P Elwood (Lansdowne), N Hogan (Terenure College), G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution), G F Halpin (London Irish), T J Kingston (Dolphin).

Bold Davies seeking to blossom afresh

John Hopkins looks at the relaxed approach of the world's top woman golfer as a new season draws near

It was late on a winter's afternoon and Laura Davies was not answering the telephone at her home in Ottershaw, Surrey. Perhaps she was out playing golf? Hardly. The best woman golfer in the world, the woman who won tournaments on five tours last year, often wants nothing to do with golf and this was one of those occasions. She had been gardening and now she was relaxing in the bath.

Ah yes, gardening. A straw hat on her head, basket under her arm and a pair of secateurs in her hand. Some gentle clipping behind the potting shed. That sort of gardening?

Wrong again.

The idea that Davies would do that was as laughable as the notion that she would play short at a par five. Davies goes for everything she does and gardening is no exception. "I've been striding into the brambles, sorting out the rhododendrons, helping on the tractor," Davies said, summoning up a vivid picture in the mind's eye. "We've got 5½ acres here and 60 per cent of it is undergrowth," she said. "There is a lot to do. I love it."

Love is a word Davies uses a lot. Gambling, shopping, sport and fast cars are all loves in a life she pursues with the frenzy of someone being chased in the fast lane. She can afford to indulge herself. She won nearly $1 million (about £665,000) in 1994, the record-breaking year when she became the first European, of either sex, to top the United States money-list.

Davies sets off today for two tournaments in Florida at the start of her 1995 campaign. It would be sensational if she matched her performances in 1994, when she won at least once in Europe, the United States, Asia, Australia and Japan. For Davies, it all came down to consistency. "I had 33 starts, 22 top tens [finishes]," Davies said. "Not bad was it? That was what pleased me. My attitude was so much better.

"In the British Open at Woburn, I was five over par after the first ten or 12 holes yet I finished fourth. I wanted to do better last year and I did. I controlled myself better. Before, I used to rush. The quicker I got, the more shots I dropped; and the more shots I dropped, the quicker I got. Now, I tell myself off when I hit a bad shot."

Achieving more than any other woman golfer before her was not enough for Davies to be voted the BBC television sports personality of the year. Davies was at the ceremony, but as a rubber-necker, not as a recipient. In golf, particularly women's golf, her being overlooked was seen as a slight, though Davies is characteristically low-key and laid-back about it.

> 'She is able to fly in the face of wisdom'

"Believe me, I like winning at everything," Davies said. "But the public don't know who I am. Nigel Mansell's on TV every Sunday, so is Damon Hill. I didn't think I had a chance of winning. The fact that I was in the running was an honour. I'm not worried about it: it was out of my hands. My attitude these days is that there is no point in worrying about something I can't do anything about."

From Davies's point of view, the evening was a success anyway. She is an uncomplicated lover of sport and open and generous about her heroes, among whom she moved that night. "I love people who are a bit different," she said. "I think Mansell is terrific. I stayed up last night until four o'clock in the morning watching the cricket. That Darren Gough is brilliant."

One wonders where it will all end for Davies? She is 31. Can she continue to improve at the rate she has? The time when she played in the 1984 Curtis Cup at Muirfield seems light years away. For that matter, so does her startling virtuoso performance in the second Solheim Cup, at Dalmahoy, Edinburgh, in 1992, when she was unbeaten and led Europe to a stunning triumph.

Davies, however, has one characteristic that makes it inadvisable to predict normal patterns for her to follow. She is remarkably gifted. She is able to fly in the face of accepted golf wisdom as easily as she launches a 300-yard drive.

Furthermore, she is level-headed, unable to be spoilt by the siren voices of success and certainly not downcast by the dreariness of failure. Her feet are almost off the ground when she hits a drive, but they are planted firmly on terra firma at all other times.

One vignette involving Davies in 1994 remains clear in the memory. It came during the four-balls in the Solheim Cup and Davies and Alison Nicholas, her perennial partner, a par five and a par three, were facing Brandie Burton and Dottie Mochrie.

At the 16th, Mochrie pulled her second shot left of the green near a spectator stand. There followed ten minutes of discussion as to the best position for her to drop her ball. Davies, not noted for her patience at the best of times, could hardly stand it. Finally, she turned to her colleague and remarked: "If that was me, I'd have put my ball in my sky-rocket [pocket] ages ago and said 'it's all yours partner'. I don't know what all the fuss is about. Why don't they just get on with it?"

That was Davies in 1994, quick, uncomplicated, entertaining and hugely successful; a woman who could never be accused of letting her work intrude on her pleasure. "You've got to have fun," she once said, "otherwise golf would be too much like a real job." It was her year in 1994. May 1995 be her year, too.

MARC ASPLAND

Davies, who won tournaments on five tours in 1994, became the first European to top the American money-list

Edinburgh drop back in title race

BY NORMAN DE MESQUITA

BEFORE the weekend games, Edinburgh seemed to have a realistic chance of challenging Nottingham and Sheffield for British ice hockey's premier-division title.

However, a disappointing trip south saw Edinburgh take only one point from their games against Basingstoke and Bracknell, and they have been overtaken by Cardiff.

Nottingham continued to show top form and scored 30 goals while conceding only seven in their wins over Bracknell and Peterborough. Sheffield beat Whitley and Durham, to stay within two points of Nottingham, and are unbeaten in 11 games, while Paisley's run of 12 wins ended with a defeat at Swindon.

RESULTS: British League: Premier division: Bracknell 4 Edinburgh 4; Durham 4 Sheffield 5; Humberside 8 Cardiff 16; Milton Keynes 6 Fife 8 Peterborough 8 Nottingham 13; Whitley Bay 2 Basingstoke 12. First division: Blackburn 13 Teesside 8; Chelmsford 14 Dumfries 5; Guildford 11 Paisley 9; Medway 7 Telford 5; Solihull 4 Slough 6; Trafford 6 Lee Valley 4.

Whitbread test beckons

FROM BARRY PICKTHALL IN SAN DIEGO

FOURTEEN challengers have signed up for the next Whitbread Round the World Race, which is due to start from Southampton in 1997. The number — taking up almost half the places in the fleet — shows a remarkable level of interest in the British-organised circumnavigation that was first run in 1973 and which faces pressure for sponsorship money from four other yacht races which start in 1996.

The entries so far include two each from the United States and Great Britain and one each from Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Holland, Poland, New Zealand, Sweden, and Ukraine. Some well known skippers such as Lawrie Smith, of Great Britain, and Grant Dalton, of New Zealand, are also waiting in the wings with 87 others attempting to raise the £4 million or more needed for a competitive boat.

Ian Bailey Willmot, the race director, said yesterday that he was delighted with the level of interest shown since the last race ended, in June. "Within five months, we had received inquires from 97 potential syndicates from 23 countries," he said. "With an entry fee of £300,000, the fact that 14 have already registered serious intent is a testimony to the appeal of the race."

He concedes, however, that the four other events — Chay Blyth's BT Global Challenge, the Grand Mistral, a cruiser race to Hong Kong and back, and the French Vendee Globe solo non-stop race, all planned for 1996-97, could have an adverse effect on the Whitbread.

"I do have some concern that the public might become bored with too many races around the world," he said. The race, which should start on September 21, 1997, will take in Cape Town, Fremantle, Sydney or Melbourne and Auckland before rounding Cape Horn and visiting the Brazilian port of São Sebastião for the first time.

After calling at Fort Lauderdale, two other new stop-overs include Baltimore and La Rochelle, before the fleet makes a dash across the English Channel to finish back at Southampton at the end of May 1998.

Other changes include the introduction of a points' system for each leg, which replaces the traditional accumulated time, to ensure that yachts suffering serious damage during one leg still have a chance to finish well up the order overall.

☐ The telephone number of the Moorings yacht chartering agency, in Cliftonville, Kent is 0843 227140 (fax 0843 228784) and not that given in Sport For All yesterday.

Sabolcs Majthenyi, of Hungary, won the Flying Dutchman class world championship yesterday, after leading throughout the regatta on points over seven days' racing at Adelaide, Australia.

Wales extend search for reinforcements

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

WHERE Vinnie Jones led, Welsh rugby league is preparing to follow. Jones played football for Wales because he had a Welsh grandfather, and, in allowing Welsh grandparents as a criterion for qualification, the Rugby Football League (RFL) yesterday showed that it has the survival of the Wales team at heart.

"Even with everyone fit, we have less than 30 players to chose from," Mike Nicholas, the Wales manager, said, confirming that rugby league has only a nominal presence in the principality.

Nicholas has traced the Welsh lineage of three or four players who are now eligible for the international with England on February 1. Martin Hall, the Wigan hooker, is one of those of Welsh descent, and, with the injured Scott Gibbs, of St Helens, and Gavin Price-Jones, of Swinton, out of contention for the match in Cardiff, the need for such fresh blood is pressing.

The resurrection of the Wales side in 1991 became a possibility with the influx of rugby union players, in particular Jonathan Davies, in the late Eighties. That source has slowed and the relaxation of qualification rules is aimed at extending the ageing Wales team's life beyond the World Cup in October.

It is hoped that talks, scheduled for later this month between Maurice Lindsay, the chief executive of the RFL, and Vernon Pugh, the chairman of the International Rugby Football Board, will result in an extension of the gangway between the codes so that players in the Heineken League (rugby union), who also play student rugby league, could be freed for selection for Wales if required.

☐ Gary Chambers, the Warrington prop forward, is to undergo a groin operation and will miss the Regal Trophy semi-final at Widnes on Saturday.

In the air, on the ground

Dancing for a Living. *Radio 4, 2.30pm.*

Inaptly, one of the musical interludes in the launching episode of Lynne Walker's series about the world of dance is Noël Coward singing "Mad Dogs and Englishmen". Why not his "Dance, Little Lady"? After all, the programme is about Marion Tait, voted Dancer of the Year by readers of *Dance and Dancers* magazine in 1984. The reason Coward comes into her life story is that one of her big successes was in a show that used his music. The little lady who grew up to become principal ballerina with Birmingham Royal Ballet has been moving to music since the age of ten. For a person whose feet, it is said, scarcely seem to touch the ground, she struck me as a down-to-earth sort of person.

Jenny One, Two, Three. *Radio 4, 2.00pm.*

Sean Walsh's play is one of those emotional pieces that say so much by saying so little. A few extra lines of dialogue and the whole thing would probably have started sliding down the hill to bathos. It was recorded in the BBC's Belfast studios, a stable which for many years has housed a company of excellent actors. Three of them are profitably employed in today's play: Mark Mulholland as the father whose broken marriage has thrown on him the burden of caring for his daughter, a role shared between Jennifer Courtney and Emer McCourt. When she flies the nest, he takes stock of the ways in which he contributed to her flight.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo: featuring Jimmy Somerville **12.00** Lisa L'Anson, incl at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier, incl at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Curves, Contours and Body Horns: The Fender Stratocaster 40th Anniversary Celebration (2/3) **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Martin Kelner **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **8.45** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, incl at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Debbie Greenwood, incl at **2.30** the star guest interview and at **3.00** your choice **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hayes Over Britain: Phone 0645 288291 **8.30** Mr Finchley Goes to Paris, by Victor Canning. With Richard Griffiths and Anna Cropper (r) **9.00** Spotlight on . . . Jack Buchanan **10.00** Back Numbers **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden **3.00** Alex Lester, incl at **3.30** Pause for Thought

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports **6.00am** The Breakfast Programme, incl at **6.55** and **7.55** Racing Preview **8.35** The Magazine with Diane Madill, incl at **10.35** Euronews; **11.00** Dirty News **12.00** Midday with Mair, incl at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.15** Prime Minister's Questions **4.00** John Inverdale Nationwide **7.00** News Extra, incl at **7.20** sport **7.35** The Tuesday Match: Manchester United v Coventry and Queen's Park Rangers v Chelsea **10.05** News Talk **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** News **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** Off the Shelf: Oscar and Lucinda **7.30** New Ideas **7.50** Artists in a Nutshell **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** Concert Hall **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Poets of Place **9.30** On Screen **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** Discovery **10.30** Western Music **11.00** News **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Faith **12.15** Multitrack **12.45** Sport **1.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Off the Shelf **2.45** Renaissance Gold **3.00** News **3.15** Jolly Good Show **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** Andy Kershaw **8.00** News **8.10** Faith **8.15** Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **10.00** News **10.05** Business **10.15** Megamix **10.45** Sport **11.00** News **11.30** Omnibus **12.00** News **12.15am** Concert Hall **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Crisis in the Family **1.45** Country Style **2.00** News **2.30** Andy Kershaw **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** Discovery **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Henry Vieuxtemps (Violin Concerto No 5 in A minor) **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** Opera Guide **8.00** Walton (Belshazzar's Feast; Crown Imperial; Spitfire Prelude and Fugue; Orb and Sceptre; Cello Concerto; Henry V Suite) **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** J.L. Grace

RADIO 3

6.55 Weather **7.00 On Air:** Purcell (Fantasia a 4, Three parts on a ground, Z731); Chopin (Ballade No 4 in F minor); 7.32 Bax (The Happy Forest); 8.05 Ibert (Louisville Concerto); Strauss (Befreit, Op 39 no 4); 8.32 Haydn (String Quartet in B flat, Prussian)
9.00 **Composer of the Week: Hindemith.** Concert Music for brass and strings, Op 50: Philharmonia Orchestra under the composer; String Quartet, Op 22: Amar Quartet; Horn Concerto: Dennis Brain, horn
10.00 **Musical Encounters:** Mozart (Intrada, Apollo and Hyacinthus); Beethoven (Variations on Ein Mädchen oder Weibchen); Monteverdi (L'Orfeo, excerpt); 10.29 Liszt (Consolations Nos 1 and 2); Artist of the Week: Esa-Pekka Salonen, conductor: Stravinsky (Apollon Musagète); Beethoven (Cello Sonata in F, Op 5 No 1)
12.00 **Music Restored:** Early Music Network. Sinfonye plays ballads and polyphony from medieval England and France, from Dartington Great Hall (r)
1.00pm **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Philharmonic, under Yan Pascal Tortelier, plays Rubinstein (Piano Concerto No 4); Strauss (Tod und Verklärung)
2.05 **Joanna Macgregor,** piano, plays Bach (French Suite No 5 in G, BWV816); Conlon Nancarrow (Prelude and Blues); Ravel (Miroirs); Gershwin, arr Finnissy (Nashville Nightingale); John Woolrich (Pianbooks 1 and 2); Chick Corea (Children's Songs) Bartók (Sonata) (r)
3.30 **Martin, Martinu and a Magnificat:** Margaret Feaviour, soprano, Andrew Murgatroyd, tenor, the BBC Singers and the New London Orchestra under Ronald Corp, play Martin (Passacaglia); Chapple (Magnificat); Rubbra (Song of the Soul); Martinu (Sinfonietta, La Jolla)
5.00 **The Music Machine:** A journey with Tommy Pearson and Hélène la Rue, music curator of the Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford
5.15 **In Tune:** Rodney Slatford's guest is Vladimir Ovchinikov, concert pianist and tutor at the Royal Northern College of music. Telemann (Partita in E flat for descant recorder); 6.00 Schnittke (String Quartet No 3); 7.00 Copland (El Salón Mexico)
7.30 **Pebble Mill:** The Chilingirian Quartet plays live. Bartók (Quartet No 2); Part (Fratres) 8.10 Final Years: A portrait of Beethoven 8.30 Beethoven (Quartet in A minor, Op 132)
9.25 **Fairest Isle: A Splendid Science Called Musick.** Of Operas, Semi-Operas and Music for the Theatre
9.40 **The BBC Orchestras:** BBC Scottish SO. Ian Whyte (Edinburgh); Alexander Mackenzie (Violin Concerto); Sally Beamish (Symphony for Orchestra) (r)
10.45 **Night Waves:** A debate about the role of critical theory
11.30-12.30am **Ulster Orchestra,** under En Shao, plays Arnold (Larch Trees, op 3); Walton (Symphony No 1)

RADIO 4

5.56am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News, Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day
6.30 **Today,** including half-hourly news, 6.55, 7.55 Weather 6.45 Business News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.40 Short Story 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Call Nick Ross:** 071-580 4444
10.00 **News; Billy Bragg Among the British** (FM only): Billy Bragg visits Inverness, Scotland, and asks: "Are you British?" (1/3)
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **The Pilgrim's Progress** (LW only), by John Bunyan (2/25)
10.30 **Woman's Hour**
11.30 **Medicine Now:** Geoff Watts reports on the health of medical care
12.00pm **News; You and Yours**
12.25 **Head Chairman** Tim Brooke-Taylor tries to spot the hoaxers, with panellists Michael Denison, Miles Kington and John Wells 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One 1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News: Thirty Minute Theatre: Jenny One, Two, Three,** by Sean Walsh. See Choice
2.30 **Dancing For a Living:** See Choice
3.00 **News; Anderson Country**
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Paul Vaughan reads a new novel set in the time of the first sputniks
4.45 **Short Story: A Short Life of Juanito,** by Una Leonie Flett. Read by Vivienne Dixon
5.00 **PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **If You're So Clever Why Aren't You Rich?** A new comedy drama series about three thirtysomethings, once full of potential but now merely might-have-beens. With Richard E Grant, Amanda Root and Peter Capaldi
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers:** Richard plays gooseberry
7.20 **The Violence Files:** Marmalade Droppers. Edward Stourton talks to ex-cons, reporters, editors and press analysts about why sensational coverage of crime and criminals sells newspapers
8.00 **Science Now**
8.30 **Oedipus Schmoedipus** Sue Margolis investigates the traditional stereotype of the Jewish mother (r)
9.00 **In Touch:** Magazine for people with a visual handicap
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **World Tonight**
10.45 **Operama. Book at Bedtime: Phantom of the Opera** Jack Klaff reads Gaston Leroux's novel (7/10)
11.00 **Mediumwave:** Joanna Coles presents a special edition from Hong Kong on the future of a free press in China's window on the West (r)
11.30 **Hidden Voices** (FM only): Footsteps in the Past. Portraits of Muslims in Europe (1/6) (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW only)
12.00-12.43am **News,** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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On best behaviour at the birthday party

REVIEW

Matthew Bond

Perhaps it was the memory of that whispered command from childhood: "Be nice to them Edward, it's their birthday." Perhaps, having stalked the corridors of heritage power, it was a simple case of turning native. But whatever the reason, there is no doubt that Edward Mirzoeff donned the kid gloves for last night's **Treasures in Trust** (BBC 1). The National Trust was only to be handled with care.

The trust is 100 years old this week. Given the amount of scones it consumes — its Westminster headquarters is one place where everything really does still stop for tea — the wonder is that it hasn't keeled over from a corporate coronary long ago. But on and on it goes and on and on it grows: 207 historic houses, 600,000 acres of land, 550 miles of coastline and still counting.

On paper, no doubt, the documentary looked balanced. There was, after all, a quiet suggestion that the trust was undemocratic. There was the gentlest hint that the whole thing might be a giant conspiracy by impoverished aristocrats, engineered to ensure they can stay in the family pile long after the family coffers have been exhausted. There was even an arch critic, Paula Weideger, to cast doubt over the trust's enthusiasm for setting its properties in time-sealed aspic: "Once you freeze a home, however artfully, it dies."

But Mirzoeff's heart, you could tell, just wasn't in it. The sub-*Brideshead* music and the reverential tones of the narrator, Ian Holm, showed where the programme's loyalties lay. Take the trust's gardens, for instance. "Critics complain that they all look the same," murmured an incredulous Holm: "Others just bask in their colour and splendour."

Inevitably, Mirzoeff unearthed some splendid characters — the Cornish tea-lady who turns out 16 dozen scones a day and Norman Waugh, who at 79 still brings in six or seven new members a day from his patrol of the trust's car parks. But left very much unearthed was any explanation of the trust's funding, its links with government, its relationship with English Heritage. Not the stuff of centenary celebrations, it seems.

The idea of anything having a new lease of life seems anathema — both to the trust and to many of those who bequeath it properties. Take the architect Patrick Gwynne, whose magnificent 1930s house, Homewood, will shortly become one of the trust's few properties from the modern movement, because he is worried that the "wrong people" might buy it. He was particularly proud of the sprung, maple floor: "In those days we did an awful lot of dancing," he recalled wistfully. I wonder how much dancing there will be once the trust get its hands on it. Ever tried waltzing in aspic?

If *Treasures in Trust* was less than revelatory, the same could not be said of **Face to Face** (BBC 2) which, with Allen Ginsberg under the spotlight, again demonstrated the power of John Freeman's original format. This was not so much due to Jeremy Isaacs's gentle prodding, as Ginsberg's astonishing candour. Now, I'm the wrong generation for Ginsberg, but I know that in 25 years' time if Martin Amis sits in the hot-seat and reveals that Aids has not affected his lifestyle very much because he's "68, diabetic and can't get it up any more" I, too, will mourn the passage of time.

Actually, it was the passage of time that got the interview off to a somewhat awkward start, when Isaacs inquired whether, under the grey hair and grey suit, the Ginsberg of the beat generation was still there. In response Ginsberg pointed out that as a Buddhist he did not believe in the idea of "real permanent self. In any case there are many appearances of self — I'm certainly a beat poet, I'm certainly Jewish, I'm certainly gay, I'm certainly an American and I'm certainly a practising meditator, and I suppose I'm part of the counter-culture in America which is currently under attack from the neo-conservative, theo-political, tele-evangelists who are denouncing the counter-culture and threatening war on it." I don't know about you, but I can't take too much of this sort of thing late at night.

But gradually Ginsberg won me over. His tone remained scholarly — names such as Burroughs, Kerouac and Snyder whistled past at armchair height — and it would have been helpful to know more (all right, anything) about poetic form. But he brought life and humour to his stories, such as whether or not his great hero, Walt Whitman, ever came out of the closet. Possibly, said Ginsberg: "Well, I slept with Neil Cassidy, who had slept with Gavin Arthur, who had slept with Edward Carpenter, who said he had slept with Walt Whitman." And the consequence was: very entertaining television.

Which is more than can be said for **Equinox: Beyond Love** (Channel 4). A brouhaha surrounded the programme, which explored the nasty world of paraphilia. But the reality proved to be not so much shocking as boring and strangely familiar. The programme took its subject commendably seriously, but the science behind such unorthodox sexual preferences as auto-erotic asphyxia and necrophilia bore an uncanny resemblance to that behind the serial killers of *To Kill and Kill Again*, produced by the same team and repeated by Channel 4 last week.

While I grew weary of oddball Americans with oddball predilections, I did warm to one of the academic talking heads. The nice chap from the National Institute of Sexual Trauma shouted most of his thoughts on the subject. Doing it may not make you go blind, but listening to others talk about it all day certainly sends you deaf.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (70126)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (18625720)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (8063316)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1878836) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick.** Weekday magazine (s) (85140010)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7321584) **12.05 Pebble Mill** introduced by Ross King (s) (3327749) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (78702213)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (42294)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (91459942) **1.50 Timekeepers.** Quiz show with Bill Dod (s) (91533958)

2.15 FILM: Warming Up (1984) starring Barbara Stephens and Henri Szeps. Comedy about a small town's football team trying to keep under wraps the secret of their success — ballet lessons. Directed by Bruce Best (753126)

3.50 Jackanory. Christopher Guard with the second part of Robert Louis Stevenson's classic *Treasure Island* (s) (1250251) **4.00 Willy Fog.** (Ceefax) (5872279) **4.25 Grimmy** (6584720) **4.35 Incredible Games.** The first of a new series. (Ceefax) (s) (4665942)

5.00 Newsround (9595836) **5.10 Grange Hill.** Comprehensive school drama. (Ceefax) (s) (1813720)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (828590)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (519)

6.30 Regional news magazines (671)

7.00 Holiday. Reports from a ski resort in Colorado with facilities for the disabled; St Lucia; Benidorm; and a painting school in France. (Ceefax) (s) (9836)

7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (855)

8.00 A Question of Sport. The 400th edition of the popular quiz. David Coleman, Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Barry Lane, Rob Andrew, Dennis Wise and Yvonne Murray. (Ceefax) (s) (8584)

Mixed, mismatched couples (8.30pm)

8.30 NEW **Ain't Misbehavin'.** The infidelity comedy returns. Starring Peter Davison, Nicola Pagett, John Duttine and Polly Hemingway. (Ceefax) (s) (9949)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3687)

9.30 FILM: Batman (1989) starring Jack Nicholson, Michael Keaton and Kim Basinger. An adult, Oscar-winning version of Bob Kane's DC Comics characters, a total contrast to the camp television series. Directed by Tim Burton. (Ceefax) (s) (66584652). **Northern Ireland:** Country Times 9.55 Film: Batman 11.55 29 Bedford Street 12.25am-2.00 Film: Jailhouse Rock; **Wales:** Wales Playhouse 10.00 Film: Batman 12.05-1.40 Film: Jailhouse Rock

11.35 FILM: Jailhouse Rock (1957, b/w) starring Elvis Presley as a convict who is taught to play the guitar by his cellmate, a one-time folk singer, and, on his release, is hailed as a rock 'n' roll sensation. Directed by Richard Thorpe. (Ceefax) (959045)

1.10am Weather (8437091)

BBC2

7.00 Dilly the Dinosaur (r) (4807039) **7.05 Bump** (r) (4899010) **7.10 Toxic Crusaders** (r). (Ceefax) (8156565) **7.35 Blue Peter** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (1386565)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (8284039)

8.15 Arthur Negus Enjoys Temple Newsam (r) (7709229)

8.35 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday (5890229)

9.00 Photographer: Russell Lee. A profile of the photographer whose career has spanned four decades (96869) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (7564359)

10.25 FILM: The Private Navy of Sgt O'Farrell (1968) starring Bob Hope and Phyllis Diller. Comedy directed by Frank Tashlin (60905213)

12.00 See Hear! Magazine for the hearing impaired (58774) **12.30 Working Lunch** (62300) **1.00 Postman Pat** (r) (13197300)

1.15 The Infinite Voyage. How scientists around the world are trying to understand and predict the Earth's natural disasters (6299652)

2.10 Man on the Rim: The Peopling of the Pacific. The Arctic settlers (r) (5634590)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross.** (Ceefax) (2748701) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3050233)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (584)

4.30 Regional programmes (r of Thursday's) (768). **Wales:** The Phil Silvers Show (b/w)

5.00 Children's Hospital. Real-life dramas from *Sheffield Children's Hospital* (r) (3382)

5.30 Catchword. Paul Coia's word game (r) (720)

6.00 Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Teen comedy (s) (366316)

6.25 Heartbreak High. (Ceefax) (s) (615565)

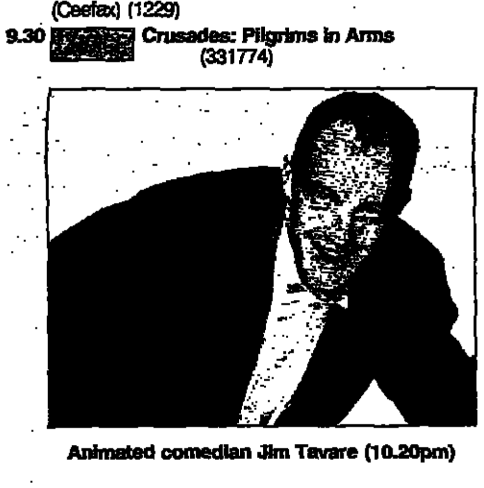
7.10 NEW **The Tick.** An animated comedy adventure series (848300)

7.30 Circling the Dragon. What life is like for China's disabled citizens (s) (68316)

8.30 Food and Drink. (Ceefax) (s) (1861)

9.00 Joking Apart. Episode two of the comedy drama. (Ceefax) (1229)

9.30 CHOICE **Crusades: Pilgrims in Arms** (331774)



Animated comedian Jim Tavare (10.20pm)

10.20 CHOICE **Jim Tavare Pictures Presents...** (937749)

10.30 Newsnight. (Ceefax) (808836)

11.15 The Late Show presented by Fintan O'Toole (s) (777652) **11.55 Weather** (126294)

12.00 News followed by **The Midnight Hour.** Political magazine introduced by Sarah Baxter (5383430). Ends at **12.55am**

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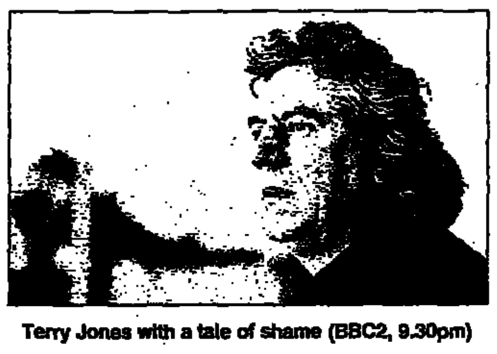

Terry Jones with a tale of shame (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Crusades: Pilgrims in Arms
BBC2, 9.30pm

The 900th anniversary of the first attempt by Christendom to recover the Holy Land from the Muslims is marked in a four-part series presented by Terry Jones. As might be expected from a former *Monty Python* stalwart the tone is often jocular and the sequence where Jones tries to interview a goose could have come straight from the *Python* repertoire. But Jones is still offering serious history and doing so with enthusiasm and lucidity. In any case his levities are more than balanced by the contributions of distinguished academics such as Sir Steven Runciman. Animation, reconstruction and even a mock newsreel are employed to tell what by any measure is a shameful tale, of men marching in the name of Christ but behaving unspeakably.

Network First: UFO
ITV, 10.40pm

There has been much on television recently about strange objects in the sky but such is the fascination with the subject that Lawrence Moore's documentary should find a ready audience. His film recalls some of the more spectacular UFO sightings, going back more than 40 years and covering several continents. It is easy to be sceptical but if most reports are easily dismissed, there are always some that defy rational explanation. After that, however, you either believe in an alien presence or you do not, for there is not a scrap of hard evidence. Moore tries to add an extra layer of interest. He accuses military authorities in the United States and Britain of suppressing the results of their UFO investigations and calls for a more open policy.

Classic Trucks: American Giants
Channel 4, 8.00pm

A six-part series on commercial vehicles opens in America where truck drivers are known as the last cowboys. The term is by no means pejorative. Truckers have opened up the continent in the 20th century just as surely as the wagon trains in the 19th. But the film reminds us how recently this has happened. Up to the First World War trucks were little more than motorised buggies. Not until well after the Second World War were the roads good enough to make long-haul trucking possible. The half-hour slot means that the story has to be ruthlessly compressed but there is still much for enthusiasts, from the rugged Mack Bulldog to a 1950s Kenworth which has been five million miles with the same driver.

Jim Tavare Pictures Presents...
BBC2, 10.20pm

The critic who called Jim Tavare "the Tommy Cooper of the Nineties" was doing a disservice to both. Tavare's act, in which his partner and prop is a double bass, may win marks for originality but it is a world away from Cooper's manic humour. In this series of ten-minute films Tavare's act is also silent. Can you imagine Cooper without the breathless patter and nervous guffaw? Buster Keaton would be nearer the mark, though that is making a huge claim. In any case Tavare would probably prefer to be judged as himself. On this evidence he is a wryly amusing performer rather than somebody who makes you laugh out loud. But he is worth staying with. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00 GMTV (3697519)

9.25 Chain Letters Game show (4003294) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (9168738)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (9388300)

10.35 This Morning Weekday magazine (32226213)

12.20 London Today (Teletext) and weather (7327768)

12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) and weather (7786126)

12.55 Emmerdale (r) (Teletext) (7867045) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (34159010)

1.55 Vanessa discusses wedding day disasters. (Teletext) (s) (22045774) **2.25 A Country Practice.** Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (17198584) **2.50 Blue Heelers.** Australian country police drama (6282045)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (5711316) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (5710687)

3.30 The Magic House (s) (5763316) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (5850215) **3.50 Twinkle the Dream Being** (s) (9450279) **4.00 Budgie the Little Helicopter** (r) (2425923) **4.15 The Dreamstone** (s) (4549294) **4.40 Chris Cross** (r). (Teletext) (s) (3949687)

5.10 After 5. (Teletext) (4528382)

5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (176774)

5.55 Your Shout Viewers' soapbox slot (923872)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (687)

6.30 London Tonight. (Teletext) (869)

7.00 Emmerdale. (Teletext) (4872)

7.30 NEW **The Big Story.** Dermot Murnaghan investigates safety on the London Underground (s) (923)

8.00 The Bill: Hit and Miss. A hospital guard is accused of beating and robbing a youth and DC Lines is put on the case and comes face to face with a colleague from a former station who resigned. Starring Kevin Lloyd and Ian Cullen (Teletext) (3652)

Tough-talking QC John Thaw (8.30pm)

8.30 Kavanagh QC. Courtroom drama series starring John Thaw as an advocate with family problems. (Teletext) (s) (19300)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (53229) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (669519)

10.40 CHOICE **Network First: UFO.** (Teletext) (647132)

11.40 Prisoner Cell Block H (954229)

12.40am FILM: Renegade (1987) starring Terence Hill, Robert Vaughn and Ross Hill. Comedy western about two men and a young sharpshooter who come to the aid of a beleaguered community. Directed by E.B. Clucher (s) (532121)

2.20 The Little Picture Show (9238782)

3.15 America's Top Ten (s) (16492)

3.45 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (91497527)

4.10 On the Live Side with Joe Cool and Ahmed Jamal (r) (s) (40105072)

4.30 Videofashion New British designers (79492)

5.00 Vanessa (r). (Teletext) (s) (75188)

5.30 ITN Morning News (27904). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon A Time — Life. Animated series exploring the human body (8230768)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (38045)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (67478)

9.30 Stand Still, Be Fit. Series on fitness using the minimum of effort (s) (8014381)

9.45 FILM: Lloyd's of London (1936, b/w) starring Tyrone Power, Madeleine Carroll and George Sanders. The story of the early days of the insurance giant, from its coffee shop beginnings. Directed by Henry King (52320749)

11.50 The Ghost Monster. A *Terrytoon* cartoon (8158519)

12.00 House To House. Political magazine with Maya Even (70942)

12.30 Sesame Street Early learning entertainment (30565)

1.30 Widget Animated adventures (s) (60441395)

1.55 A Perfect Moment A short about the optimum time to propose marriage (97340774)

2.10 FILM: Red Mountain (1951) starring Alan Ladd, John Ireland and Lizabeth Scott. Western drama about a member of Quantrill's Raiders who turns against them because of their brutal methods. Directed by William Dieterle (747565)

3.45 Home Movies. Films made by West Country camcorder enthusiasts (182584)

4.15 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (1256687)

5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are women who are happy being single and men who are not. (Teletext) (s) (6201923)

5.50 Terrytoons (916855)

6.00 Batman. The caped crusader does battle with the Penguin (229)

6.30 Gamesmaster. Computer games magazine presented by Dominick Diamond and Patrick Moore (s) (381)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (840584)

7.50 The Slot (808942)

Truck fanatic Tom Spencer (8.00pm)

8.00 CHOICE **Classic Trucks: American Giants** (Teletext) (s) (1294)

8.30 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (3229)

9.00 UN Blues. The second of a three-part exposé of the organisation's failings. (Teletext) (8861)

10.00 FILM: The Long Day Closes (1992) starring Leigh McCormack. Director Terence Davies' autobiographical story of growing up in 1950s Liverpool. (Teletext) (s) (643687)

11.35 Bakersfield PD. American police comedy series (Teletext) (s) (612861)

12.05am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Highlights of Sampdoria v Lazio (5398362)

1.05 Blood, Sweat and Glory. The series on the history of sport this week focuses on boxing (r) (1716091)

1.40 FILM: Bulldog Jack (1934, b/w) starring Jack Hulbert, Ralph Richardson and Fay Wray. Classic comedy thriller about a Bulldog Drummond substitute doing battle with a villain. Directed by Walter Forde (4290817). Ends at **2.55**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (9168738) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7327768) **1.55** A Country Practice (91454497) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6282045) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (5710687) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4528382) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (974720) **7.30-8.00** Food Guide (923) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (669519) **12.40am** Film: Sartana (Pray for Your Death, Sartana) (John Garko, William Berger, Klaus Kinski) (277782) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (82838) **3.30** The Beat (87343) **4.30-5.00** Travel Trails (79492)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (9168738) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7327768) **1.55** A Country Practice (91454497) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (6282045) **3.25-3.30** Central News (5710687) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (4528382) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (974720) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (923) **10.30-10.40** Central News and Weather (669519) **11.40-12.40pm** Crime Story (954229) **4.10am** Jobfinder (6471463) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2235053)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (9168738) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (7327768) **12.55** Shortland Street (7867045) **1.25** Home and Away (51647381) **1.50** Vanessa (21695233) **2.20** Wish You Were Here..? (17180585) **2.50-3.20** Emmerdale (6282045) **3.25** Granada News (5710687) **3.30-3.40** The Magic House (5763316) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4528382) **6.25** Granada Tonight (974720) **7.00** Emmerdale (4872) **7.30-8.00** The Main Ingredient (923) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (669519) **11.40** Prisoner Cell Block H (954229) **12.40am** Film: Renegade (Terence Hill, Robert Vaughn, Ross Hill) (532121) **2.20** The Little Picture Show (9238782) **3.15** America's Top Ten (16492) **3.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (91497527) **4.10** Jobfinder (4882879) **5.00-5.30** Vanessa (75188)

HTV WEST

As London except: 9.55-10.00 HTV West Headlines (9168738) **12.20pm-12.30** HTV West News and Weather (7327768) **2.25** Wish You Were Here...? (17189636) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7983403) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (5710687) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (4528382) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (869) **7.30-8.00** West Eye-View (923) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (669519) **4.10am-5.00** Jobfinder (4882879)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.30-7.00 Wales Tonight (869) **7.30-8.00** Primetime (923) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News and Weather (669519)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 1.55 A Country Practice (91454497) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6282045) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (5710687) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4528382) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (687) **6.30-7.00** Surprise Chefs (869) **7.30-8.00** Held in Trust (923) **12.40am** Sartana (Pray for Your Death, Sartana) (277782) **2.30** The Little Picture Show (82898) **3.30** The Beat (87343) **4.30** Travel Trails (79492) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (75188)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 2.25-3.25 The Young Doctors (17189836) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4528382) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (86045) **7.30-8.00** Held in Trust (923) **4.10am-5.00** Jobfinder (4882879)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News (9168738) **1.55** A Country Practice (91454497) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (6282045) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bisdale Network North (5710687) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (4528382) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (285213) **6.30-7.00** Runway (869) **7.30-8.00** Action Time (923) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (669519) **11.40** Film: B L Stryker - Night Train (Burt Reynolds, Ossie Davis, Dana Kaminsky) (869478) **1.20am** The Little Picture Show (2606701) **2.20** Sport AM (7205017) **3.20** The Beat (2691701) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (8769897)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (38045) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (67478) **9.30** Stand Still, Be Fit (8014381) **9.45** Lloyds Of London (52320749) **11.50** The Ghost Monster (8158519) **12.00pm** House To House (70942) **12.30** Slot Meithrin: A.B.C. (62329) **1.00** Little Miss (31132) **1.30** Hanging With Mr Cooper (12969) **2.00** Secrets Of A Coral Cay (46890) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (8058359) **3.50** The Cat In The Hat (4787497) **4.15** Saved By The Bell (246861) **4.45** 5 Pump (245132) **5.15** Countdown (7657861) **6.00** Newyddion (454045) **6.20** Heno (997871) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8774) **7.30** Y Ferch Drws Nesa' (585) **8.00** I'r Pedwar Gwynt: Newid Byd (1294) **8.30** Newyddion (3229) **9.00** Y Wisg Sidan (8861) **10.00** Brookside (71671) **10.30** Dim Tafod (13045) **11.30** Conquest Of The Planet Of The Apes (861836)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat Show (87020300) **7.45** Power Rangers (5294519) **8.25** Dennis (5367045) **8.40** Dynamo Duck (7997359) **8.45** The Oprah Winfrey Show (5417188) **9.30** Card Sharks (29720) **10.00** Concentration (8561409) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (8770478) **10.30** Candid Camera (98958) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (84294) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (80710) **12.30pm** E Street (30836) **1.00** St Elsewhere (31519) **2.00** Lace II (69768) **3.00** The Oprah Winfrey Show (9196836) **3.50** The DJ Kat Show (3657942) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (2565) **6.00** Gamesworld (7749) **6.30** Blockbusters (4229) **7.00** E Street (3294) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4823) **8.00** Dangerous Games (78652) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (69687) **11.00** Late Show with David Letterman (338300) **11.45** Littlejohn (847590) **12.30am** Chances (83256) **1.30** Night Court (59701) **2.00** Hitmix Long Play (4568850)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (9847229) **9.30** Fashion TV (81316) **10.30** ABC Nightline (94590) **11.00** News and Business (99126) **1.30pm** CBS News (64107) **2.30** Parliament Live (4652) **4.00** News and Business (34132) **5.00** Live at Five (2215671) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (25887861) **8.00** News and Business (96132) **9.30** Target (41942) **11.30** CBS News (54585) **12.30am** ABC News (6650053) **1.10** Entertainment This Week (8269817) **2.30** Parliament Replay (29879) **4.30** CBS News (54430) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (50056)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (2834478) **10.00 Falsely Accused** (1993) (34652) **12.00 Bloomfield** (1969) (65671) **2.00pm The Girl from Petrovka** (1974) (86039) **4.00 Mountain Family Robinson** (1979) (65106720) **5.55 Falsely Accused** (1993) (16308213) **7.30 Close-Up: Johnny Depp on Benny and Joon** (5381) **8.00 Raising Cain** (1992) (61720) **10.00 Daybreak** (1993) (101671) **11.35 Another You** (1991) (417030) **1.10am Silent Thunder** (1992) (2336430) **2.40 Loot** (1970) (357165) **4.20-6.00 The Girl from Petrovka** (1974) (971904)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Clash of the Titans (1981) (64855) **8.00 Stripes** (1981) (69300) **10.00-12.00 Deadly Blessing** (1981) (36594)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Three Warriors (1977) (88861) **8.00 Curse of the Crystal Eye** (1993) (46590) **10.00 Back from Eternity** (1956) (32294) **12.00 The Last Time I Saw Archie** (1961) (63213) **2.00pm Tell Me a Riddle** (1981) (77381) **4.00 Curse of the Crystal Eye** (1993) (5039) **6.00 The Sea Wolf** (1993) (60045) **8.00 Lorenzo's Oil** (1992) (15627213) **10.15 The Distinguished Gentleman** (1992) (578294) **12.10am Trouble Bound** (1992) (8886782) **1.40 Love and Desire** (1993) (608904) **3.15-5.05 Teamster Boss: The Jackie Presser Story** (1992) (74004459)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (1441774) **7.15** Fish Tales (9198497) **7.30** Cricket: England v Australia (6232033) **11.30** World of Speed and Beauty (75403) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (32381) **12.30pm** FA Cup Third Round Match (65213) **2.30** NBA Action (1738) **3.00** Powerboat World (86519) **4.00** Surfing (92126) **5.00** WWF Superstars (6923) **6.00** Soccer News (897861) **6.15** Boots 'n' All (871774) **7.00** Cricket Highlights (550229) **9.30** Grass Roots Rugby (61381) **10.00** Soccer News (147039) **10.15** Tartan Extra. Scottish football highlights (649229) **11.15** Boots 'n' All (681381) **12.00** Surfing (37966) **1.00-2.00am** Tartan Extra (65817)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Rally Raid (19958) **8.00** Artistic Gymnastics (29519) **9.00** Dancing (75107) **10.00** Ski Jumping (35942) **11.00** Rally Raid (96942) **11.30** Football (47687) **1.00pm** Football (26294) **1.30** Speedworld (48497) **3.00** Live Football (72294) **5.00** Live Football (48942) **7.00** Eurosport News (2720) **7.30** Eurotennis (44774) **8.30** Rally Raid (3403) **9.00** Euroski (16294) **10.00** Snooker (70958) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (91527)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (2137749) **8.30** Peyton Place (2129720) **9.00** As the World Turns (9041045) **10.00** Guiding Light (4460836) **11.00-12.00** Another World (4473300)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 The Way of Life — Russia (2130836) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (8356871) **1.00** Travelade — Make Your Own Adventure (4557316) **1.30** Cooking in America (8365942) **2.00** California Gold (3326823) **2.30** The Way of Life — Russia (8642132) **3.00** American Vacation (7667300) **4.00** Sky Travel Guide (8580584) **4.30** Kids Down Under (8566768) **5.00** Roads to Freedom (9621215) **5.30** Cooking in America (8540720) **6.00** Australia (8447590) **7.00** Suffolk (8304589) **7.30** Caribbean Vacation (8567497) **8.00** Around the World in 30 Minutes (3221279) **8.30** Sky Travel Guide (4776364) **9.00** Australia (4876687) **10.00** Roads to Freedom (2131565) **10.30** Suffolk (2140213) **11.00** Caribbean Vacation (7654836) **11.30-12.00** California Gold (8789132)

Lake Baikal in Siberia (Discovery, 10.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Room Service (7502381) **9.30** The Roux Brothers (2974107) **10.00** Against All Odds (4608584) **10.30** Only Human (2292836) **11.30** Discovering Psychology (2434497) **12.00** Extra Dimensions (4972045) **12.45pm** Draw with Don (82626316) **1.00** The Roux Brothers (7741045) **1.30** Room Service (2977294) **2.00** Forty Something (4600213) **3.00** Video Show (7234382) **3.30-4.00** So You Want to Play Golf (7700652)

UK GOLD

7.00am Blankety Blank (7744132) **7.30** Neighbours (7687039) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (7694316) **8.30** EastEnders (7693687) **9.00** The Bill (7511039) **9.30** Who Pays the Ferryman? (3899861) **10.30** Big Deal (2294294) **11.30** No Place Like Home (2436856) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (7697403) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2970381) **1.00** EastEnders (7743403) **1.30** The Bill (2979652) **2.00** After Henry (4989215) **2.30** Reginald Perrin (7707565) **3.00** Knots Landing (2430671) **4.00** Dynasty (2426478) **5.00** Every Second Counts (3414010) **5.35** Top of the Pops: The 1970s (2301836) **5.55** Porridge (7786381) **6.30** EastEnders (7895774) **7.00** Reginald Perrin (6427021) **7.30** George and Mildred (7891958) **8.00** After Henry (5535359) **8.30** Just Good Friends (5339756) **9.00** The Sweeney (9780652) **10.00** The Bill (7698132) **10.30** Top of the Pops (6942323) **11.05** Naked Video (8619381) **11.35** Dr Who: Battlefield (7084478) **12.05am** FILM: Mannequin (1987) Comedy with Andrew McCarthy and Kim Cattrall (5710053) **1.45** Candid Camera (1590985) **2.15** Shopping at Night (77184695)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Teddy Ruxpin (15749) **6.30** Piggsburg Pigs (3974126) **6.55** Garfield and Friends (3977213) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8180300) **7.55** Pugwall (5542381) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (6708768) **8.45** Casper and Friends (3919823) **9.00** Sesame Street (24497) **10.00** It's Drobee Time (90861) **12.00** Garfield and Friends (76749) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (18213) **1.00** Beverly Hills Teens (64039) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (72737215) **1.45** Baby Follies (81282120) **2.00** Barney and Friends (5836) **2.30** Babar (2478) **3.00** Casper and Friends (6785229) **3.15** Gravedale High (872720) **3.45** Sonic (984519) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (4171720) **4.30-5.00** Pugwall (5942)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickalive (1449316) **7.15** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (907855) **7.45** Rugrats (906126) **8.15** Doug (171958) **8.45** Nickalive (9602749) **9.00** Nick Jr (867316) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (30923) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (52687) **1.00** Galaxy High School (39768) **1.30** Banana Sandwich (51958) **2.00** Denver the Last Dinosaur (1478) **2.30** Smoggies (1720) **3.00** Nick Faves (3213) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (3565) **4.00** Doug (5300) **4.30** Rugrats (1584) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (8958) **5.30** Nickalive (2836) **6.00** Grimmy (8749) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of the Dark? (6229)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature Watch (7692687) **4.30** Australia Wild (7718671) **5.00** Compass (3539774) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (2986942) **7.00** Earth Tremors (9782010) **8.00** Connections 2 (6884841) **8.30** Voyager (7139739) **9.00** First Flights (2519132) **9.30** The X-Planes (2061687) **10.00** Discovery Journal (9781381) **11.00-12.00** Rhino (7655294)

BRAVO

12.00 FILM **Creature of the Walking Dead** (1963) (4012805) **1.30** Donny and Marie (2964720) **2.00** thirtysomething (4604039) **3.00** My Three Sons (3834328) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (7704478) **4.00** FILM **Beach Blanket Bingo** (1965) (9034364) **6.00** Death Valley Days (7899590) **6.30** Police Woman (2881478) **7.30** Honey West (7713126) **8.00** thirtysomething (9795584) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (2513958) **9.30** FILM **Ransom** (1975) (5558300) **11.30-12.00** Hogan's Heroes (4692294)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (2653720) **7.00** Living Magazine (2736958) **8.00** Health UK (7878294) **8.30** The Truth About Women (7877565) **9.00** Eating Out (4092565) **9.35** Now You See It (7459045) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4839294) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (7960229) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (3873687) **12.00** Bon Voyage (7871381) **12.30pm** Kilroy (3269749) **1.30** Family Matters (4521836) **2.00** Agony Hour (4830923) **3.00** Living Magazine (4881497) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (87278010) **4.00** Infatuation (5897213) **4.30** Trivia Trap (10011855) **4.55** Delia Smith's Cookery Course 3 (2777294) **5.30** Kate & Allie (5884749) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (5970590) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (5898942) **7.00** Living Magazine (9713395) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (2767215) **9.00** FILM Fight for Life (43469565) **10.55** Sneak Scenes (7145039) **11.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (7874956) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (4835478)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (2316) **5.30** Where I Live (6294) **6.00** African Skies (967796) **6.25** All Clued Up (781687) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (9652) **7.30** My Two Dads (6671) **8.00** The Darling Buds of May (41958) **9.00** Moonlighting (58294) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (77478) **10.30** GP (86126) **11.00** Lou Grant (47316) **12.00** Rhoda (24879) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (96508) **1.00** Danger Mouse (10362) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (20237) **2.00** Moonlighting (54968) **3.00** Lou Grant (81481) **4.00** Rhoda (27169) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (92017)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (73275) **6.30** The Grind (30584) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (66310) **8.00** VJ Ingo (691855) **11.00** Soul (55381) **12.00** Greatest Hits (77738) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (380942) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (8437855) **3.45** Cinematic (8425010) **4.00** News (4190855) **4.15** 3 from 1 (4180478) **4.30** Dial MTV (7300) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (58687) **6.30** Sports (2045) **7.00** Greatest Hits (61768) **8.00** Unledded (70132) **9.30** Beavis and Butthead (27297) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (754958) **10.15** Cinematic (679213) **10.30** News (383107) **10.45** 3 from 1 (477590) **11.00** The End? (20855) **1.00am** Soul (85695) **2.00** The Grind (38275) **2.30** Night Videos (2405879)

VH-1

7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (4556687) **9.00** Café VH-1 (9804749) **12.00** The Bridge (2461403) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (4415039) **2.30** Heart and Soul (7328836) **3.30** Into the Music (4901323) **6.00** Prime Cuts (8343720) **7.00** VH-1 to You (4874861) **8.00** Rock (4787381) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4870045) **10.00** The Bridge (9054519) **11.30** Today's Top Five (8781590) **12.00** The Nightfly (2728966) **2.00** Prime Cuts (5970121) **3.00** Rock (1171091) **4.00** Ten of the Best (8890463) **5.00** Dawn Patrol (6358324)

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including **5.00pm** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (83652) **7.00** Asian Morning (88381) **8.30** Buniyaad (65687) **9.00** FILM (301720) **12.00** Ghar (97774) **1.00pm** FILM: Khoj (231497) **4.00** Serial Nagar Pane Roop Nagar (3584) **4.30** Serial Yuganter (9768) **5.00** Jodi Poruttham — Tamil Match Making (6942) **5.30** Neengal Kaetta Paadal (3720) **6.00** TVA (9749) **6.30** Serial Buniyaad (6229) **7.00** New Music Show (23584) **8.00** Video Junction (4942) **8.00** News (4942) **8.30** Serial: Zindagi (2279) **9.00** FILM: Aakhri Mujra (579229) **11.30** Mano Ya Na Mano (90381) **12.00** Asian Morning (45527) **1.30am** Sight and Sound (77121)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Come Fly With Me (1963) (82033565) **9.00 Skyjacked** (1972) (61642774) **10.50 The Perfect Gentleman** (1935) (79561768) **12.10am Terror on a Train** (1953) (61467701) **1.35 The Green Helmet** (1961) (48360035) **3.15-5.00 The Crowd Roars** (1932) (66938169)

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Leeds put hopes in £3.4m Yeboah

By Peter Ball

LEEDS United's feverish search for an international striker appeared to have ended yesterday when they agreed to buy Anthony Yeboah, the Ghana international, from Eintracht Frankfurt. Initially for a year and a £1.6 million fee, the deal will stretch to three years and a club record payment of £3.4 million if Yeboah settles in England. Leeds, whose season has spluttered to little great effect thus far, will be desperately hoping that he does.

The signing, which is expected to be completed today, ends an occasionally embarrassing saga for Leeds, who have failed to persuade Martin Dahlin, Borussia Mönchengladbach's Sweden international, Ruben Sosa, of Internazionale and Uruguay, and Tomas Skuhravy, the big Czech who is with Genoa, to move to Elland Road. Even on Sunday, when Bill Fotherby, the managing director of Leeds, and Nigel Pleasance, the secretary, flew to Frankfurt to carry on the talks, there were fears of more problems. They had hoped to have the deal wrapped up by yesterday morning, but Yeboah was still thinking over their offer.

There was obvious relief for Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, when he said last night: "I'm led to believe that Tony has agreed to sign for us. He is one of the best strikers in Europe and it is only the fact that Ghana didn't qualify for the World Cup that means he hasn't come to prominence.

"His record in the Bundesliga is phenomenal over the last two years. He's done it at the very highest level and somebody like him, who converts chances into goals, makes all the difference."

Indeed, his record in German football is impressive. An explosive player, he scored 18 goals in 21 appearances for Eintracht last season, a record that attracted the interest of a number of clubs, including Bayern Munich, who recently tried to sign him. However, at 30, it wil be interesting to see how well he will adapt to English football, particularly at Leeds, where Wilkinson's belief in the work ethic made him finally unwilling to indulge Eric Cantona.

Like Cantona, Yeboah also clearly has a mind of his own. He was stripped of the Eintracht captaincy and placed on the transfer list this season when he — with Maurizio Gaudino, the Germany international now with Manchester City, and Austin Okocha, the Nigeria midfield player — fell out with Jupp Heynkes, the club's coach, over extra training.

Nevertheless, his quality is not in dispute. Yesterday, he finished sixth in the voting for the African footballer of the year award — which he has won before — behind George Weah, the Liberia striker of Paris Saint-Germain, who won the prize for the second time.

Daniel Amokachi, the Nigeria striker who is out of favour at Everton, finished third in the poll; a timely reminder, perhaps, to Joe Royle, the Everton manager, of his talents. Royle, meanwhile, learned yesterday that Duncan Ferguson's court case had been adjourned until May 9. Although Royle still wants to sign a striker, with a second bid for Dean Saunders, of Aston Villa, likely in the near future, the knowledge that Ferguson remains available until the end of the season takes some of the pressure of the search.

"This is great news for everyone at the club," Royle said yesterday. "I'm absolutely delighted that he can go on playing for us."

There was little celebrating going in Barcelona last night, however, with the news that Romario, the club's brilliant Brazilian striker, is on the verge of leaving. It was reported that Flamengo, from Rio de Janeiro, had agreed a £5.25 million fee with the Spanish champions.

Barcelona humbled, page 40

ERIC DRAPER

Keith Jackson, left, of Miami Dolphins, is tackled by Dwayne Harper, of San Diego Chargers, during San Diego's 22-21 NFL play-off win. San Diego hope to qualify for their first Super Bowl. Report, page 41

Monzon killed in road accident

By Our Sports Staff

CARLOS MONZON, the former world middleweight boxing champion, was killed in a car crash on Sunday in the small town of Santa Rosa de Calchines, Argentina. Authorities inititially said that Monzon's car struck another vehicle, but later confirmed that his was the only car involved in the accident, 22 miles north of Santa Fé.

Monzon, 52, won the middleweight crown in November 1970 when he knocked out Nino Benvenuti in Rome. He defended his title on 14 occasions before retiring in 1977.

Of 101 bouts, he won 89, 61 inside the distance. He lost three, drew eight and had one no-contest. Two of his title defences were against Emile Griffith, whom he defeated on a technical knockout in 1971 and by a 15-round points decision in 1973.

Monzon was convicted, in 1988, of killing his estranged lover during a fight. Alicia Muniz, 32, fell from a second-storey apartment balcony in the coastal resort of Mar del Plata. He was jailed for 11 years but was out of prison on a rehabilitation programme when the accident occurred.

Monzon rose from humble beginnings as one of 12 children in Santa Fé, shining shoes, selling newspapers and carrying sides of beef in a meat-packing plant. The incident that resulted in the death of Muniz, whom he met in 1978 on a flight to Europe, was not Monzon's first experience of violence outside the ring. He was charged with striking a photographer at a Christmas party in 1967. On three other occasions, he was charged with assaulting men in fights, once at his mother-in-law's house, another at a discotheque, and at a casino.

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Age-old ways give lead for blunt Atherton

John Woodcock *in Melbourne* offers some friendly words of advice to the England captain

There were some lurid headlines in the Australian papers yesterday, arising out of an interview Michael Atherton had given and an article he has written in which he makes it all too plain that the team he has here is not the one he wanted. "Not my side" and "Atherton blasts selectors" are two examples of what hit Melbourne readers in the eye.

While not, for one moment, questioning Atherton's right to have his say, I do wonder about his way of doing it and his timing. It is almost as though he were hitting back at Ray Illingworth, the chairman of selectors, for the unhelpful remarks which he has made over the last month or so regarding the present campaign. Neither Atherton nor Keith Fletcher, the team manager, can have found some of Illingworth's asides and assertions helpful.

The gist of Atherton's thoughts is that England would have done better to stick to the youth policy which was adopted, through the strength of his own advocacy, for the tour of West Indies a year ago. He believes that what has happened in Australia so far is proof of this.

He has a go, too, at the appointment, last spring, of Illingworth, Brian Bolus and Fred Titmus as England selectors, basically on account of their age: all three were sexagenarians. Nobody, I think, would disagree with him here, though Titmus, like Illingworth, has forgotten more about the theory and practice of the game than most modern cricketers know.

"What is required," Atherton said, "are selectors who are more in touch with today's game, ideally Test players of the recent past who are able to communicate with current players more effectively because they have played the same game." This is not, in fact, how the Australians see it.

It is the second time within a week when it has seemed to me that England's estimable young captain would have done better to exercise restraint. We all know the game is bigger than the individual etc, etc; but to declare on Graeme Hick last Wednesday when he was 98 not out and poised to achieve one of the great ambitions of an England cricketer's life — a Test century on the Sydney Cricket Ground — was ill-humoured and insensitive.

For all kinds of reasons, some profoundly psychological, others practical, Hick needed that hundred, and it was not as if Atherton's tactics earlier in the day had been anything less than cagey. If he felt Hick was loitering with intent, he should have said so not with so public a gesture but in the dressing-room after he had got his hundred. By acting as he did, Atherton has put himself under pressure, albeit unwittingly: he who demands such selflessness must lead the way.

Now we come to Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, who were being made to feel, after yesterday's headlines, like a pair of pensioners when they are still two of the very few absolutely top-class batsmen in English cricket. I would not in the least mind having Gatting to play for my life in the next Test in Adelaide, though I doubt whether he will be in the side now. He and Gooch were perfectly reasonable choices for this tour.

In days of old, England captains kept their more provocative and controversial opinions for their tour report. They were neither allowed nor expected to write columns. It is much the best way. Atherton, anyway, owes a lot to Gooch: he wanted him here, and said so unequivocally. Having a talkative, plausible, hard-nosed old know-all as a chairman is difficult for Atherton, I am sure; but as a captain Illingworth stood by his men, and his men rewarded him for it.

Cup showing catapults Donaldson into limelight

Oliver Holt on a little known goalscorer's *dramatic rise to fame*

NOBODY knew much about O'Neill Donaldson before he moved from Doncaster Rovers to Mansfield Town on loan just before Christmas. "Most people thought I was an Irish lad," he said, after he had scored again against Wolverhampton Wanderers in the FA Cup third round on Saturday. "They thought my first name was my last name."

Things have changed. Donaldson, 25, whose parents came to England from Jamaica, took well to his elevation from obscurity in Rovers's reserves to a place in the Mansfield first team. He scored two goals in each of his first three games and made Wolverhampton's defenders look pedestrian as he tormented them in the first half. He became the subject of lower league intrigue, but while they fought over him, one of the big boys stepped in. His transfer to a Premiership club was being negotiated last night.

"We have created a monster," Andy King, the Mansfield manager, said on Saturday. "We had agreed a fee of £15,000 for him at the end of his month's loan, but now, after all his goals, other clubs have become interested. In a way, you cannot blame Doncaster because they have got a duty to get the most money for their club. All I know is that nobody wanted him when he was playing in Doncaster reserves."

Donaldson's arrival at Field Mill brought a goal glut for the Nottinghamshire club. Quiet and modest off the pitch, he is lightning quick on it. His pace embarrassed Wolverhampton and his finishing belies his lack of achievement.

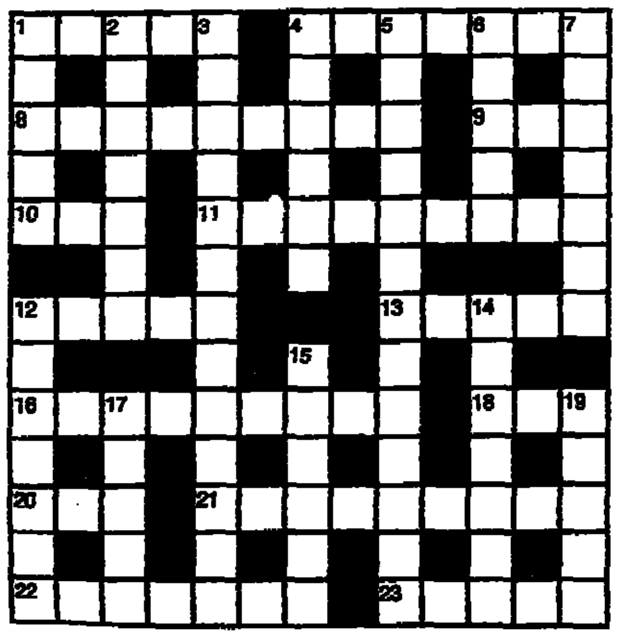
Mansfield have scored 19 goals in the five matches since his arrival, including a 7-1 win over Hereford United, pushing them up the Endsleigh Insurance League third division and establishing them as the division's leading scorers. Northampton Town bid £25,000 for him, King said, but the Premiership club has bid more.

"He has got absolutely everything," Sammy Chung, the Doncaster manager, said. "His pace is electrifying and he is good in the air and I really hope he goes on and does well. He was in the reserves because he had had an injury and then he and I had a bit of a set-to. When Andy asked if he could take him for a month, I let him go.

"Andy has said a few things I was not too happy about. We had talked about a fee but not agreed it, and when a higher offer came in I rang him and the player to tell them. Andy didn't take it too well, but I did the right thing. He is just crying over spilt milk."

Donaldson, hoping to complete his transfer, arrived yesterday evening at Belle Vue, where, in an exquisite coincidence, Doncaster take on Mansfield tonight. "There seems to be a lot of competition going on for me, but I'm trying not to get involved," he said. "I hope it is resolved as soon as possible so that I can just concentrate on my game."

Donaldson: on the move



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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 365

ACROSS

1 Refute (5)
4 Almost fall walking (7)
8 Hoarding (9)
9 Write (down brief note) (3)
10 Afternoon drink (3)
11 Timely (9)
12 Exchangeable coupon: for appearances' sake (5)
13 Place one frequents (5)
16 With sincere emotion (9)
18 Meadow (3)
20 Go to ruin (3)
21 (Fallen) from ship's side (9)
22 Baby's room (7)
23 An anaesthetic; solvent (5)

DOWN

1 Human-like machine (5)
2 Rampart; strong defence (7)
3 Hamlet's existential question (2,2,2,3,2,2)
4 Large prawns (6)
5 Secretly; very drunk (5,3,5)
6 Small, elegant, tasteful (5)
7 Plead with (7)
12 Capital of Iran (7)
14 To free from restraint (7)
15 Unorthodox religious belief (6)
17 Place of sacrifice (5)
19 Viper (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 364

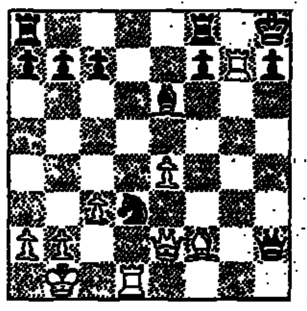
ACROSS: 1 Racing 4 Rictus 8 Bulk 9 Newcomer 10 Office boy 13 Fluke 15 Share 16 Lotus 18 Awestruck 21 Paradise 22 Calm 23 Dental 24 Remedy

DOWN: 1 Ribbon 2 Cold feet 3 Genre 5 Itchy feet 6 Tame 7 Strife 11 Cassandra 12 Brave 14 Undulate 16 Lisped 17 Skimpy 19 Swear 20 Grin

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Staunton - Harrison, London 1840. White has opened up lines against the black king but his rook and bishop are both attacked. How did he respond?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

CAMALOTE
a. A narrow bridge
b. An aquatic plant
c. A sword

DEFLUVIUM
a. A loss of water
b. A complete shedding
c. The melting of ice

EXLEX
a. A laxative
b. The removal of words
c. Outside the law

BANTENG
a. A Japanese soldier
b. A wild ox
c. A feathered hat

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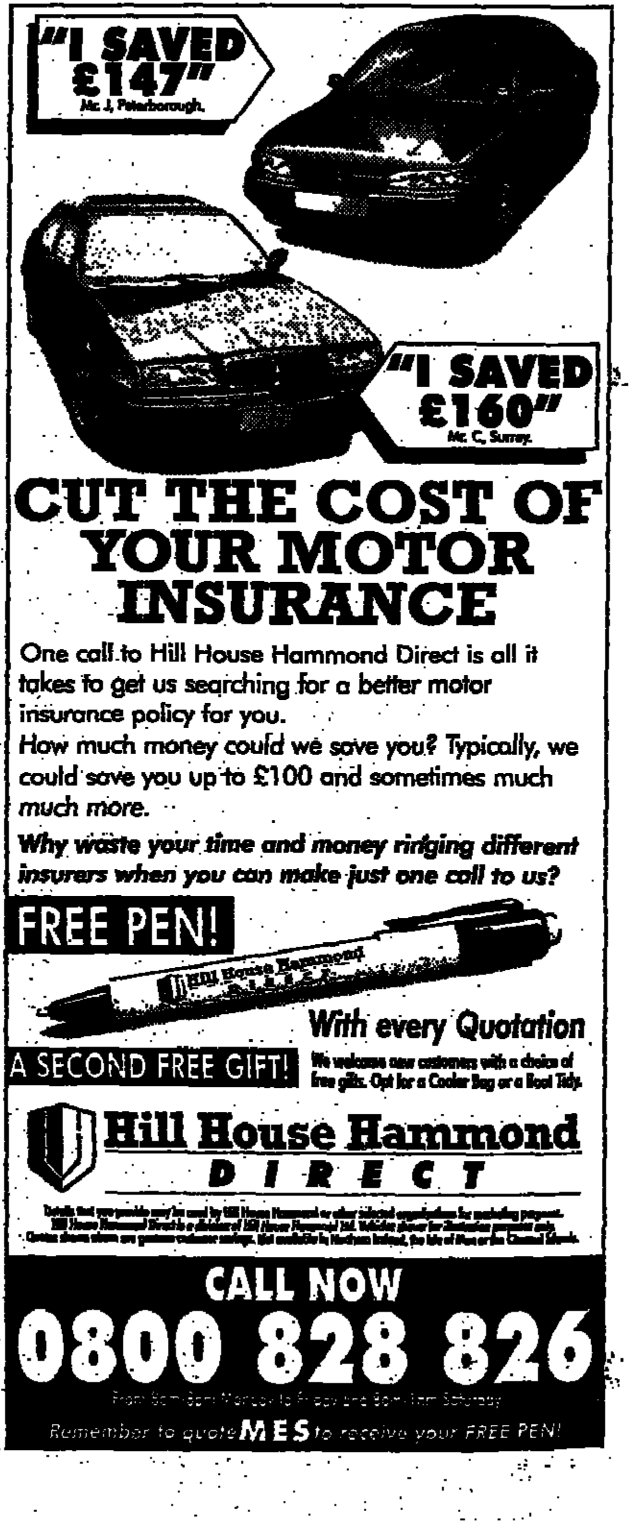

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